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RAVE MASTER



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MASTER** TM

VOLUME 10

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GALE GLORY

Haru's father and heir to the royal **Symphonia** bloodline. He gave his life to save his son. Before he died, he told Haru about **Star Memory**, a place that holds the collective memories of the universe.

HARU GLORY

A small-town boy turned savior of the world. As the **Rave Master** (the only one capable of using the holy weapon RAVE), Haru set forth to find the missing Rave Stones and defeat Demon Card. He fights with the **Ten Powers Sword**, a weapon that takes on different forms at his command. Now that Demon Card is destroyed, where will his adventures lead him next?

ELIE

The girl without memories. Elie joined Haru on his quest when he promised to help her find out about her past. She's cute, spunky and loves gambling and shopping in equal measures. Locked inside of her is the power of **Etherion**.

RUBY

You'll find out soon enough...

GRIFFON KATO (GRIFF)

Haru and Elie hired Griff and his "horse" Tanchimo to transport them across the Song Continent. Ever since, Griff just decided to tag along.

MUSICA

A "**Silverclaimer**" (an alchemist who can shape silver at will) and a former street punk who made good. He joined Haru for the adventure, but now that Demon Card is defeated, does he have any reason to stick around?

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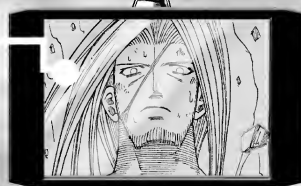
A member of the Dragon race, he was formerly a member of the Demon Card's Five Palace Guardians. He was so impressed by Haru's fighting skills and pureness of heart that he made a truce with the Rave Master.

PLUE

The **Rave Bearer**, Plue is the faithful companion to the Rave Master. In addition to being Haru's guide, Plue also has powers of his own. When he's not getting Haru into or out of trouble, Plue can be found enjoying a sucker, his favorite treat.

SEIG HART

An **Element Master**, Seig Hart once worked with **Demon Card** to try and stop the Rave Master, but only while it suited his own agenda. In order to protect the **Timestream**, Seig Hart is trying to get to the bottom of Elie's origin and her connection to Etherion.





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Knights of Kingdom



THAT'S
DISGUSTING,
NAKAJIMA.

0066
GARAGE ISLAND

0066
(Present
Day)
Garage
Island



YOU
SHOULD BE
COMMENDING
ME FOR MY
DILIGENT
GOLLING.



HOW RUDE!
I AM RIGHT IN
THE MIDDLE
OF GOLLING!

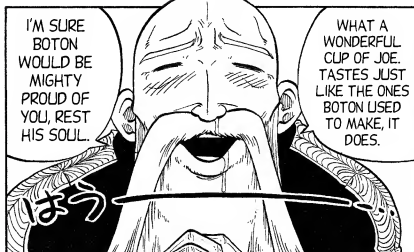
WHAT AM I
EVER GONNA DO
WITH YOU? ALL
RIGHT, YOU
WANNA GO WITH
ME TODAY?

Over to pick up
Shiba?

GOLLING?
COME ON...
WOULD YOU
QUIT WITH THE
MADE-UP WORDS
ALREADY?

HMPH.
TAKE
AWAY
MY ONLY
PLEAS-
URE...

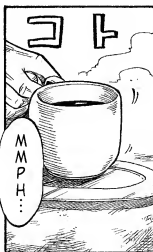




I'M SURE
BOTON
WOULD BE
MIGHTY
PROUD OF
YOU, REST
HIS SOUL.

WHAT A
WONDERFUL
CUP OF JOE.
TASTES JUST
LIKE THE ONES
BOTON USED
TO MAKE, IT
DOES.

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MM PH :

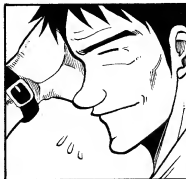


HOWDY,
CATTLEYA.

SHIBA,
IT'S GETTING
CLOSE TO
LUNCHTIME.

!

ハハハ



SURE,
WHY
NOT.

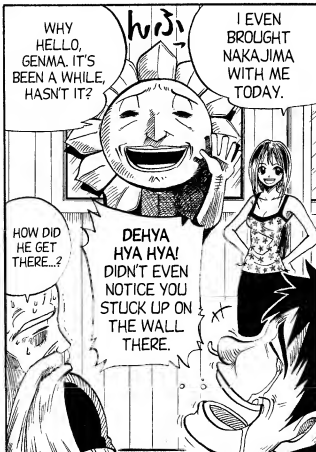
AS LONG AS
YOU'RE HERE,
CATTLEYA,
WHY NOT JOIN
US FOR SOME
COFFEE?



ACTUALLY...
I THINK I'LL
JUST HAVE
A BOWL OF
RAMEN.

YOU WANT
SOME TOO,
NAKAJIMA?

DEHYA
HYA HYA.
IT WAS
STUPID
OF ME TO
EVEN
ASK.



WHY
HELLO,
GENMA. IT'S
BEEN A WHILE,
HASN'T IT?

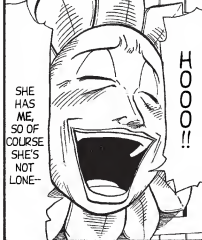
I EVEN
BROUGHT
NAKAJIMA
WITH ME
TODAY.

HOW DID
HE GET
THERE...?

DEHYA
HYA HYA!
DIDN'T EVEN
NOTICE YOU
STUCK UP ON
THE WALL
THERE.

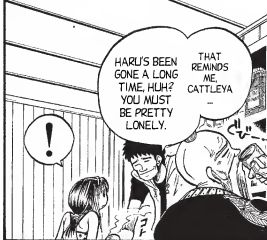


YOU KNOW, I'D
BE LYING IF I
SAID I WASN'T
LONELY.



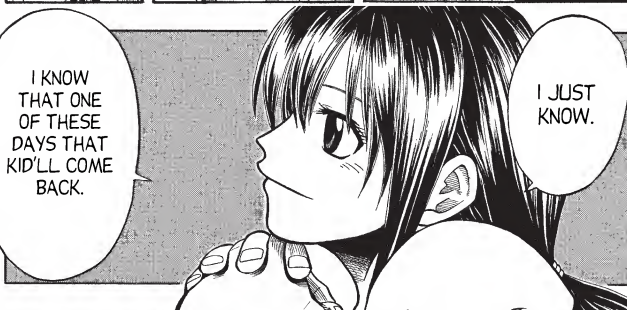
SHE
HAS
ME,
SO OF
COURSE
SHE'S
NOT LONE--

HOOO!!



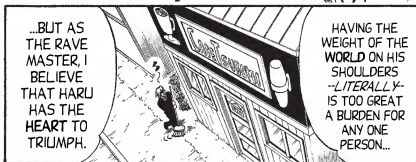
HARU'S BEEN
GONE A LONG
TIME, HUH?
YOU MUST
BE PRETTY
LONELY.

THAT
REMINDS
ME,
CATTLEYA
...



I KNOW
THAT ONE
OF THESE
DAYS THAT
KID'LL COME
BACK.

I JUST
KNOW.

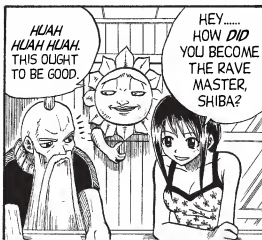


...BUT AS
THE RAVE
MASTER, I
BELIEVE
THAT HARU
HAS THE
HEART TO
TRIUMPH.

HAVING THE
WEIGHT OF THE
WORLD ON HIS
SHOULDERS
--LITERALLY--
IS TOO GREAT
A BURDEN FOR
ANY ONE
PERSON...

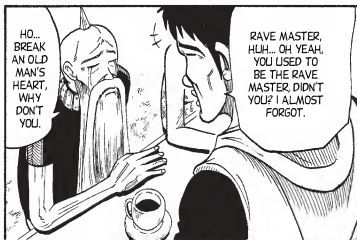


INDEED...
I'M SURE
HARU
WILL BE
FINE.



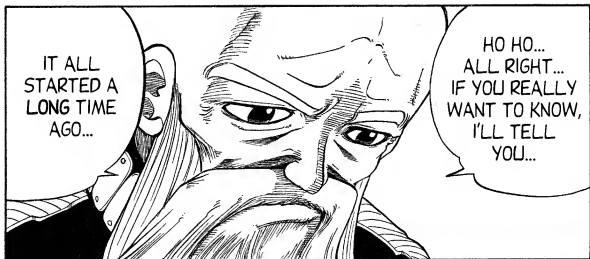
HUAH
HUAH HUAH.
THIS OUGHT
TO BE GOOD.

HEY.....
HOW DID
YOU BECOME
THE RAVE
MASTER,
SHIBA?



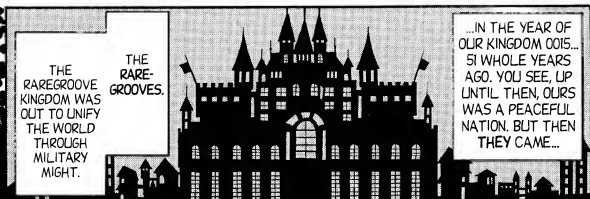
HO...
BREAK
AN OLD
MAN'S
HEART,
WHY
DON'T
YOU.

RAVE MASTER,
HUH... OH YEAH,
YOU USED TO
BE THE RAVE
MASTER, DIDN'T
YOU? I ALMOST
FORGOT.



IT ALL
STARTED A
LONG TIME
AGO...

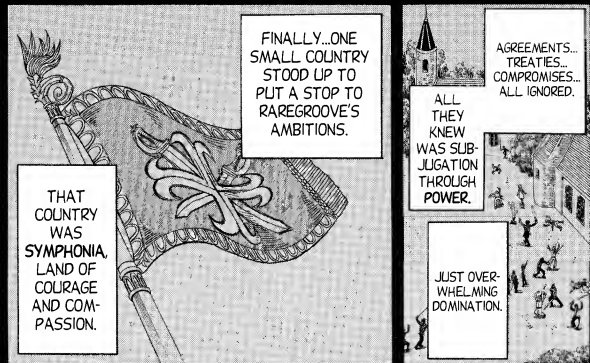
HO HO...
ALL RIGHT...
IF YOU REALLY
WANT TO KNOW,
I'LL TELL
YOU...



THE
RAREGROOVE
KINGDOM WAS
OUT TO UNIFY
THE WORLD
THROUGH
MILITARY
MIGHT.

THE
RARE-
GROOVES.

...IN THE YEAR OF
OUR KINGDOM 0015...
51 WHOLE YEARS
AGO. YOU SEE, UP
UNTIL THEN, OURS
WAS A PEACEFUL
NATION. BUT THEN
THEY CAME...



FINALLY...ONE
SMALL COUNTRY
STOOD UP TO
PUT A STOP TO
RAREGROOVE'S
AMBITIONS.

THAT
COUNTRY
WAS
SYMPHONIA,
LAND OF
COURAGE
AND COM-
PASSION.

AGREEMENTS...
TREATIES...
COMPROMISES...
ALL IGNORED.

ALL
THEY
KNEW
WAS SUB-
JUGATION
THROUGH
POWER.

JUST OVER-
WHELMING
DOMINATION.

AND
THIS WAR
GREW SO
BIG THAT
EVEN THIS
TINY HAVEN
OF GARAGE
ISLAND
WAS
AFFECTED.

SONG
CONTINENT

LUKA
CONTINENT

SYMPHONIA

GARAGE
ISLAND

RAREGROOVE

THE WHOLE
WORLD SHED
TEARS AND
BLOOD OVER
THE WAR
BETWEEN
RAREGROOVE
AND
SYMPHONIA.

YOU?!
YOU'RE
SIGNING UP
FOR THE
KINGDOM'S
ARMY?

HA
HA
HA
HA!!!

SHIBA
23 AT THE TIME

SINCE
WHEN
HAVE YOU
HAD A
SENSE OF
HUMOR?

REALLY...
YOU USED TO
ALWAYS BE
SO SERIOUS,
BOTON.

WHY ARE YOU
SO EAGER TO
RUSH TO YOUR
DEATH?

WELL...
YOUR
FACE, FOR ONE
THING.

WHAT'S
SO
FUNNY?

M
P
H.

THAT
WAR HAS
NOTHING
TO DO WITH
THIS ISLAND.

BOTON
LATER BECAMES
GENMA'S FATHER

YURI



THE SYMPHONIA KINGDOM IS A TINY COUNTRY, AND YET THEY BRAVELY HOLD THEIR SWORDS UP HIGH! THE TIME HAS COME FOR US WARRIORS IN PEACEFUL LANDS TO STAND UP AS WELL.

THE RAREGROOVES ARE TYRANTS. IF THE SYMPHONIA KINGDOM HADN'T RISEN UP AGAINST THEM, THEY WOULD HAVE CONQUERED THE ENTIRE CONTINENT.

I'M SERIOUS!! I'M GOING TO WAR TO DO SOMETHING I CAN BE PROUD OF!!!

YOU'RE SERIOUS ABOUT THIS?



I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE ABOUT TO SAY! I AIN'T GOIN'.

LISTEN, SHIBA...

Good work today!!

It's all yours.



WHERE'S THE MEANING IN THAT?



WHY IS THAT? MAKE A NAME FOR YOURSELF IN THE WAR, COME HOME WITH A TITLE. YOU COULD LIVE THE REST OF YOUR LIFE IN COMFORT.



WHETHER I COME HOME A HERO OR DIE FIGHTING FOR WHAT'S GOOD... I COULDN'T CARE LESS.

THERE IS NO MEANING. I JUST WANT TO LEAVE BEHIND PROOF THAT I WAS ALIVE... SOMETHING THAT PROVES I MADE A DIFFERENCE IN THIS WORLD.

AW, KNOCK
IT OFF...
IT AIN'T LIKE
THAT AT ALL.
I JUST TRAIN
FOR SELF-
DEFENSE.

...In secret, too.

EVERYONE
KNOWS
HOW GOOD
YOU ARE
WITH A
SWORD,
SHIBA. YOU
HAVE A
GIFT...



THE
WORLD
COULD USE
A GUY LIKE
YOU RIGHT
NOW.

WHATEVER...
BUT IT SURE
IS A SHAME...



...BUT THERE'S
NO WAY I
CAN ACCEPT IT.
IT'S LIKE HE'S
MARCHING OFF
TO HIS DEATH...
THAT'S WHAT
WAR IS-DEATH.

HMM...
OF COURSE IT'S
THE NOBLE THING
TO DO, FIGHTING
TO SAVE THE
WORLD AND
ALL...



LISTEN...
YURI, WHAT
DO YOU THINK
ABOUT BOTON'S
IDEA?



SHIBA...AREN'T
YOU AGAINST
THIS? YOU'RE
ABOUT TO LOSE
A FRIEND, YOU
KNOW.

IF HE SAYS
HE'S GONNA
DO SOME-
THING, HE'S
DEFINITELY
GONNA DO
IT.



WELL...
I KNOW HOW
YOU FEEL. BUT
ONCE BOTON
MAKES UP HIS
MIND, THERE'S
NO CHANGING
IT.



IT'S
NOT OUR
PLACE
TO BUTT
IN.

THIS
IS HIS
DECISION.



THEY'RE
HERE ON THE
ISLAND,
RECRUITING
SOLDIERS
FOR THE
ARMY!!



THIS IS
GREAT!!
NOW'S MY
CHANCE!!



WE, THE PEOPLE OF
SYMPHONIA, ARE BUSY
DEVELOPING HOLY
BRING, HOLY STONES
TO COMBAT THIS
FORCE. HOWEVER, OUR
LACK OF MILITARY
MANPOWER IS AN
UNDENIABLE
FACT.

ざわ...

Check out
their blural
hair, man.



Cool...
It's a for-
igner.

ざわ...

THE
RAREGROOVES
HAVE OBTAINED
DARK STONES
CALLED DARK BRING...
NOW THEY'RE EVEN
MORE POWERFUL
THAN EVER.



THIS IS WHY WE
ARE TRAVELING THE
WORLD IN SEARCH OF
COMRADES WILLING
TO JOIN US IN OUR
FIGHT.

MAGIC ROCKS?
WHO'S GONNA
BELIEVE SOME
FAIRY-TALE
STORY LIKE
THAT?



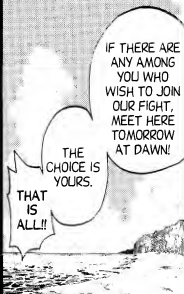


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I'M GONNA BE
A SOLDIER FOR
THE KINGDOM!!

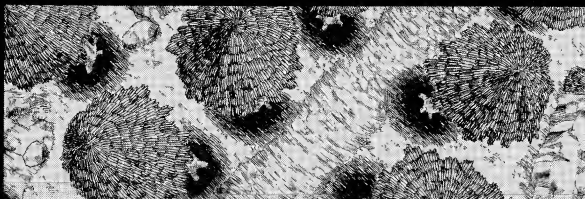
MY TIME
HAS FINALLY
COME!!



IF THERE ARE
ANY AMONG
YOU WHO
WISH TO JOIN
OUR FIGHT,
MEET HERE
TOMORROW
AT DAWN!

THE
CHOICE IS
YOURS.

THAT
IS
ALL!!



MAYBE IN THE
MORNING I'LL GO
OUT TO WISH
HIM WELL. "DO
YOUR BEST,
DUDE!"



SO
BOTON'S
REALLY
LEAVING,
HUH?

SURE
GONNA
MISS
HIM...





SHIBA...
WHAT'S WITH
THE GETUP?
YOU COMIN'
WITH ME
AFTER ALL?

?!



!!

NOT SO
FAST.



I'VE
COME TO
STOP
YOU.

YOU'VE
GOT IT
ALL
WRONG.



...AND
TAKE ONLY
THE WINNER
WITH YOU
FOR YOUR
ARMY.



THIS GUY
AND I ARE
GOING TO
FIGHT NOW.

SOLDIERS
OF THE
KINGDOM,
I HAVE A
FAVOR TO
ASK.

I WANT
YOU TWO
TO BE WIT-
NESSES...



WH--
WHAT'D
YOU
SAY?!



YOU WANNA
BE A
SOLDIER,
THEN
DEFEAT
ME
FIRST.



S H I B A !!

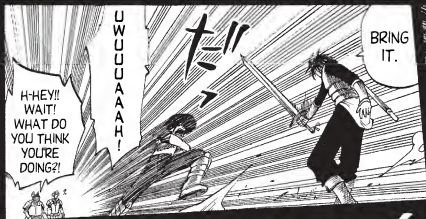
WHAT
ARE
YOU
TRYING
TO
PULL?!



...GOING
OFF TO WAR
WILL ONLY
GET YOU
KILLED.



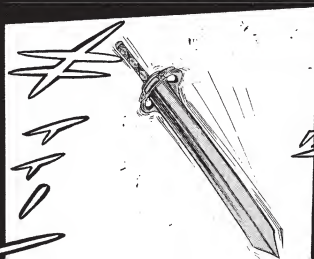
IF YOU
CAN'T
EVEN GET
THROUGH
ME...



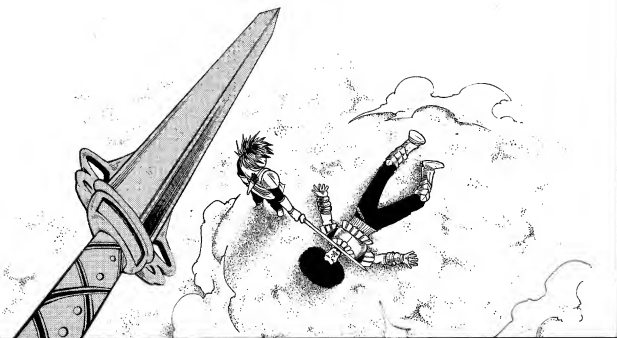
H-HEY!!
WAIT!
WHAT DO
YOU THINK
YOU'RE
DOING?!

U
W U U U A A A H !

BRING
IT.



WHY
YOU--!!



WE
HAD A
DEAL...
YOU
STAY
HERE.



DAMN
YOU,
SHIBA

D-
DAMN...

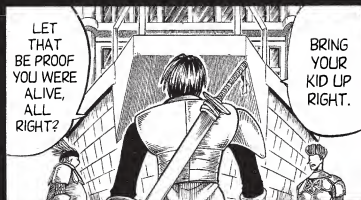
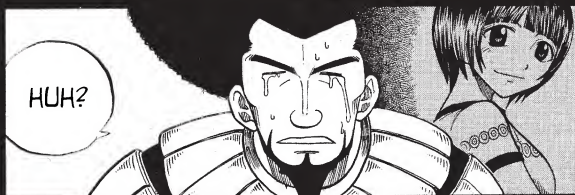


I WANT
TO FIGHT
FOR OUR
WORLD,
TOO!!

WHY'D
YOU HAVE
TO GET IN
MY WAY?!



WHY?



I DID
IT FOR
THE KID
THAT'S
GONNA
BE BORN.

IDIOT.

YOU DID
THIS...
FOR YURI
AND ME...?

JUST
HOPE HE
DOESN'T
LOOK LIKE
YOU...FOR
HIS SAKE.

I'LL
COME
BACK IN
A FEW
YEARS TO
CHECK OUT
THIS KID
OF YOURS.

AND
I'LL
FIGHT
ENOUGH
FOR THE
BOTH OF
US.

I'M
GONNA GO
MAKE SOME
MONEY.

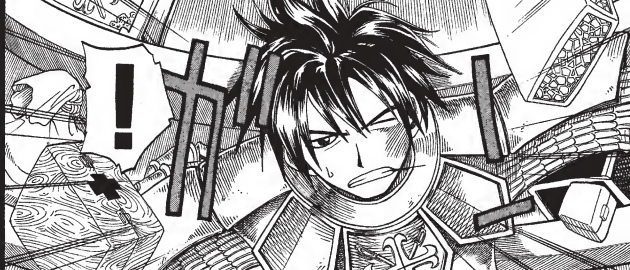
SHIBA...

해 해...

シンフォニア王国



SYMPHONIA
KINGDOM



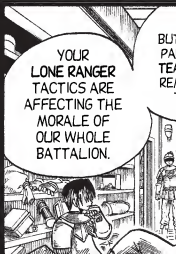
HASH
KINGDOM KNIGHT SQUAD
LEADER, 8TH BATTALION

STEP
ASIDE. I'LL
HANDLE
THIS.

YES,
SIR!

SHIBA!! THAT
IS NO WAY TO
TALK TO A
SUPERIOR
OFFICER.

...THAT
HURTS,
YOU KNOW!
WHAT DO
YOU THINK
YER DOING,
YOU BIG
OAF?!



YOUR
LONE RANGER
TACTICS ARE
AFFECTING THE
MORALE OF
OUR WHOLE
BATTALION.

BUT YOU'RE
PART OF A
TEAM NOW.
REMEMBER
THAT.

I KNOW YOU
ARE SKILLED.
I UNDERSTAND
WHY YOU WOULD
WANT TO SHOW
OFF YOUR SKILLS.

SHIBA...HOW
MANY TIMES
DO I HAVE TO
TELL YOU?



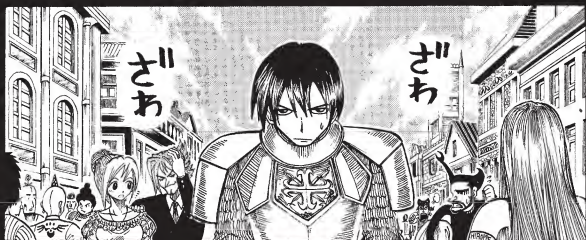
YOU
NEVER
GAVE
ME A
CHANCE!!

WHAT
WAS WRONG
WITH WHAT
I DID?! IF I HADN'T
JUMPED IN, WE
WOULDN'T HAVE
WON THAT
BATTLE!!



FOR
THE
WORLD
?!





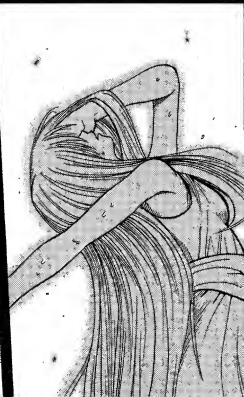
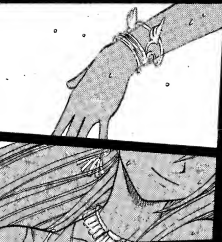
LOOKING AT
THE STARS
AIN'T SUCH A
BAD WAY TO
SPEND MY
LAST NIGHT IN
SYMPHONIA...



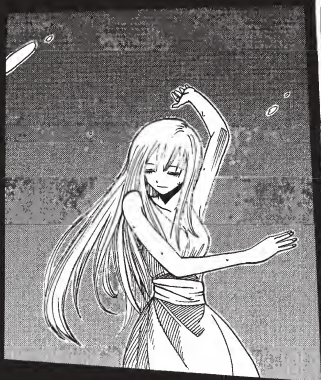
DON'T
FEEL LIKE
FINDING AN
INN... MAYBE
I'LL JUST
SLEEP
OUTSIDE
TONIGHT.



SHE DRUNK?
WHAT'S SHE
DOIN' DANCING
OUT HERE?

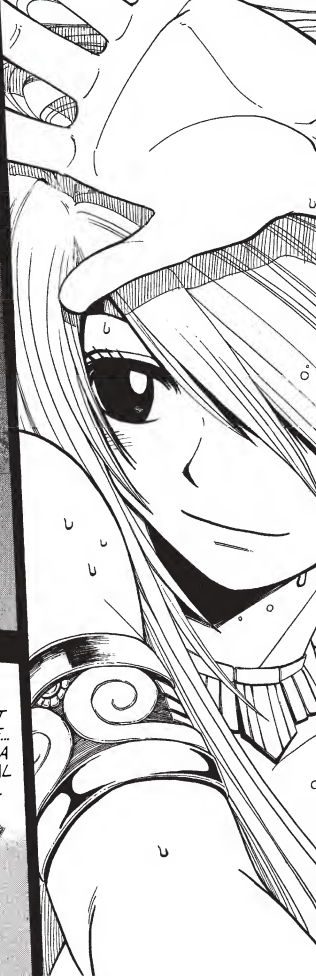






FOR A
SECOND
THERE...
I...

WH-
WHAT
IN THE...
JUST A
NORMAL
GIRL...



HM?

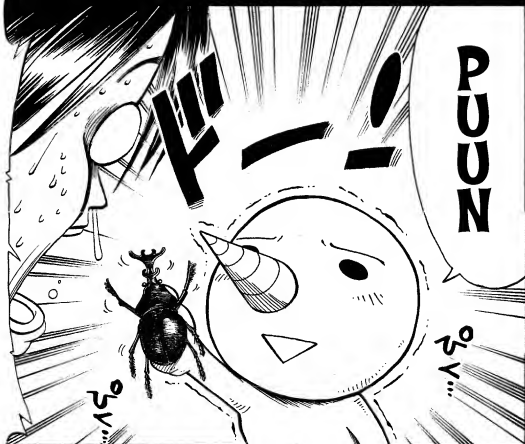
PUUN

TUG
TUG



UGYAAAAA!

PUUN



IT'S
A
DOG?!

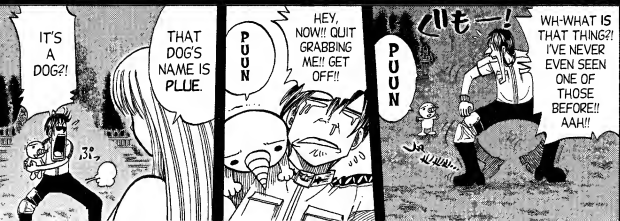
THAT
DOG'S
NAME IS
PLUE.

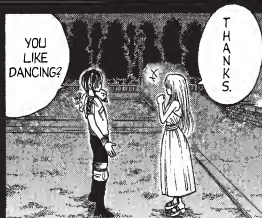
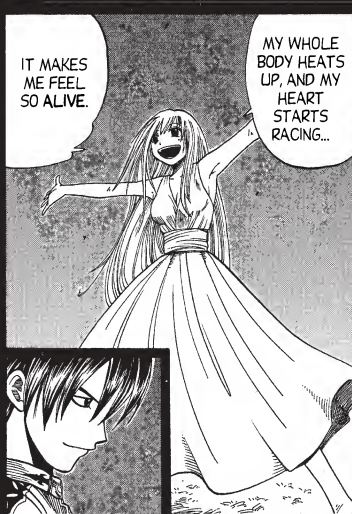
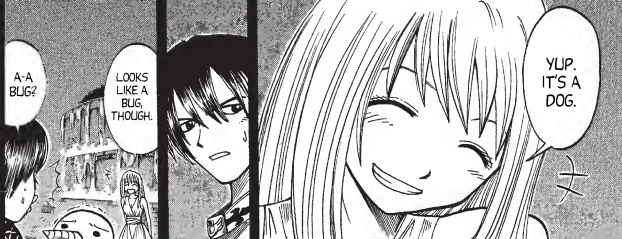
PUUN

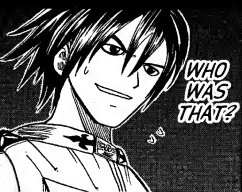
HEY,
NOW!!
QUIT
GRABBING
ME!!
GET
OFF!!

PUUN

WH-WHAT IS
THAT THING?!
I'VE NEVER
EVEN SEEN
ONE OF
THOSE
BEFORE!!
AAH!!









The
next
day



THIS SUCKS...
WHAT'S WITH
ALL THE
COMMOTION?
WERE AT WAR,
YOU KNOW.

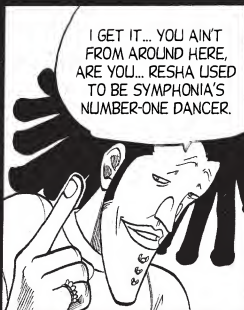
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C'MON!
LEMMIE
THROUGH!
I'M GONNA
MISS MY
BOAT BACK
TO GARAGE
ISLAND!



DANCER?



I GET IT... YOU AIN'T
FROM AROUND HERE,
ARE YOU... RESHA USED
TO BE SYMPHONIA'S
NUMBER-ONE DANCER.



WHAT? YOU
HAVEN'T HEARD?
RESHA'S AT THE
CASTLE NOW, AND
TODAY SHE'S GOING
TO APPEAR FOR
THE FIRST TIME.

RESHA?

WOOOOW!!
HERE
COME
THE FOUR
KNIGHTS
OF THE
BLUE SKY!!

HEY,
MISTER!
YOU
LEFT
YOUR
STUFF!

PLUS,
RUMOR
HAS IT
SHE'S A
REAL
BABE.

MASTER
DALMATIAN,
THE
TACTICIAN!!

MASTER
DEERHOUND!!
ALL THE
GUYS WANNA
BE JUST
LIKE YOU!!

W
H
O
O
O
!

LADY
MALTESE
!!

LOOK!!
IT'S
MASTER
ALPINE!!
HE'S SO
DREAMY!!

WE CAN'T
WAIT FOR
YOUR NEXT
CAMPAIGN!!

SHOW
US YOUR
MUSCLES
!!

RESHA'S
CUTE TOO,
BUT I LIKE
YOU THE
BEST!!

W
H
O
O
O
!!

LADY
RESHA!!

YOU'RE
BEAU-
TIFUL!!

RESHA!
RESHA!
RESHA!

RESHA!
RESHA!
RESHA!

IT'S GREAT
TO BE HERE,
EVERYBODY!!

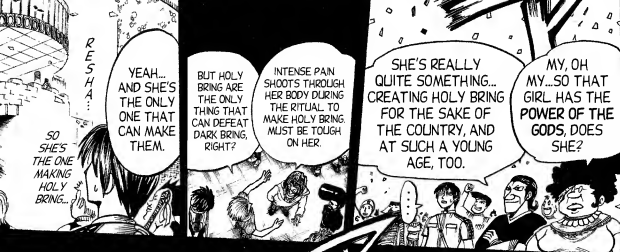
PUN

**RESHA
VALENTINE**

PLUE

IT'S HER!

THAT
GIRL...



RESHA:

YEAH...
AND SHE'S
THE ONLY
ONE THAT
CAN MAKE
THEM.

BUT HOLY
BRING ARE
THE ONLY
THING THAT
CAN DEFEAT
DARK BRING,
RIGHT?

INTENSE PAIN
SHOOT'S THROUGH
HER BODY DURING
THE RITUAL. TO
MAKE HOLY BRING.
MUST BE TOUGH
ON HER.

SHE'S REALLY
QUITE SOMETHING...
CREATING HOLY BRING
FOR THE SAKE OF
THE COUNTRY, AND
AT SUCH A YOUNG
AGE, TOO.

MY, OH
MY...SO THAT
GIRL HAS THE
POWER OF THE
GODS, DOES
SHE?

SO
SHE'S
THE ONE
MAKING
HOLY
BRING...



WHY
DO YOU
SACRIFICE
YOURSELF
LIKE
THIS...?

WHY
DON'T YOU
LIVE FOR
YOURSELF?

BUT
WHY...?
YOU LIKE
DANCING
BETTER,
DON'T YOU?

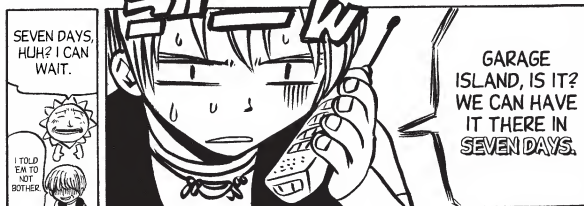
I JUST
LOVE
THE
WAY I
FEEL
WHEN
I'M
DANCING.



RESHA...

WE'LL
MEET
AGAIN
SOON...

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To be continued...?





AND
HER
NAME IS
LADY
RESHA
VALENTINE!!

RAVE0015

ナイツ・オブ・キングダム

Knight3 of kingdom



PUN

THIS
LITTLE
GUY'S NAME
IS PLUE!
HE'S HAPPY
TO BE HERE,
TOO!



OH!

PUN



EVERYBODY!!

IT'S
GREAT
TO BE
HERE!!



A NATURAL-
BORN STAR, HUH?
I'M A LITTLE
JEALOUS, TO
TELL THE
TRUTH.

CLEA MALTESE
FOUR KNIGHTS OF
THE BLUE SKY



IT SURE IS.
PROBABLY
BECAUSE BEFORE
THIS SHE USED TO
BE SYMPHONIA'S
NUMBER-ONE
DANCER.

LADY RESHA'S
POPULARITY WITH
THE PEOPLE IS
SOMETHING ELSE,
ISN'T IT?



BYE,
EVERYONE!
SEE YOU
LATER!



WE'D BEST
BE GOING NOW,
LADY RESHA. WE
MUSTN'T DELAY IN
MAKING HOLY
BRING.

OKAY.

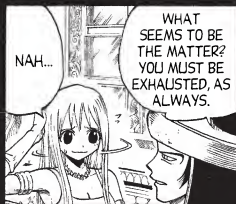
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FOUR KNIGHTS
OF THE BLUE SKY

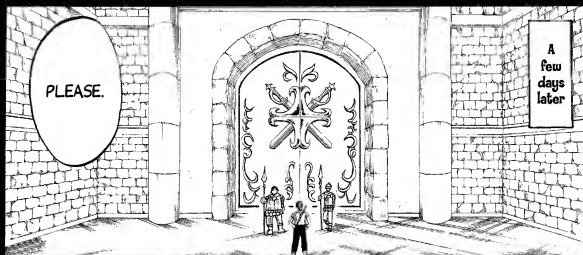


GA HA
HA HA!
WELL,
ISN'T THAT
PRECIOUS?

AND
NOW
SHE'S
GONNA
SAVE
THE
WORLD!!

**DEER
HOUND-**
FOUR
KNIGHTS OF
THE BLUE SKY





PLEASE.

A
few
days
later



YOU HAVE
TO LET ME
SEE RESHA.

LOOKS LIKE
HE REALLY
WANTS TO SEE
LADY RESHA.

Maybe he's
a fan.

SOME-
THING
IS UP.

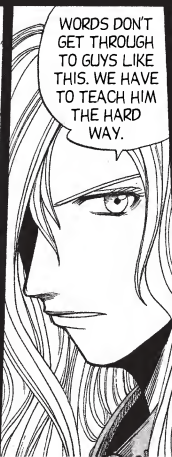
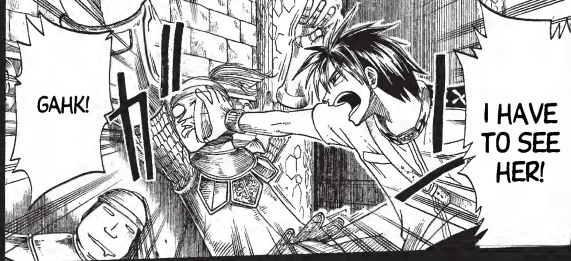
HEY!
YOU CAN'T
JUST
BARGE
IN LIKE
THAT!

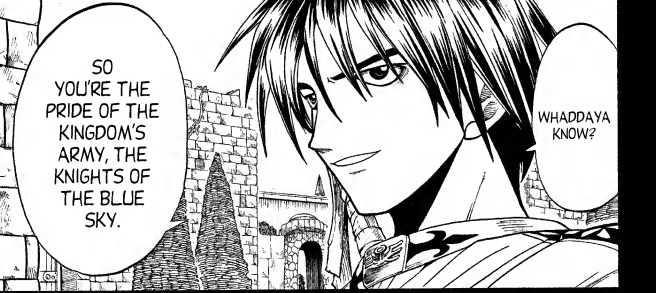
I DON'T
HAVE TIME
FOR THIS!!

LET
ME
SEE
HER!

THIS GUY
LOOKS LIKE
TROUBLE
TO ME.

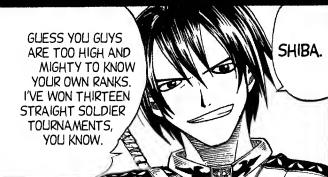
AND
JUST...
WHO ARE
YOU?





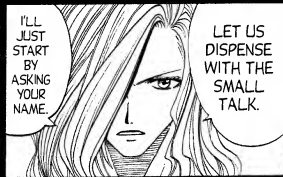
SO
YOU'RE THE
PRIDE OF THE
KINGDOM'S
ARMY, THE
KNIGHTS OF
THE BLUE
SKY.

WHADDAYA
KNOW?



GUESS YOU GUYS
ARE TOO HIGH AND
MIGHTY TO KNOW
YOUR OWN RANKS.
I'VE WON THIRTEEN
STRAIGHT SOLDIER
TOURNAMENTS,
YOU KNOW.

SHIBA.



I'LL
JUST
START
BY
ASKING
YOUR
NAME.

LET US
DISPENSE
WITH THE
SMALL
TALK.



...AND,
JUST WHAT
DO YOU PLAN
ON DOING
ONCE YOU
SEE LADY
RESHA?



I'M
GONNA
SET
RESHA
FREE.

I'M TAKIN'
HER OUTTA
HERE.

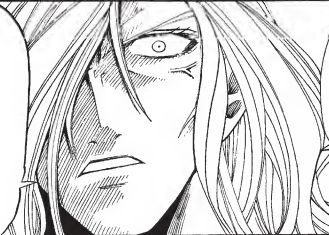


BEING
COOPED
UP IN A
PLACE
LIKE
THIS...

YOU'RE
WRONG...THE
TRUTH IS
RESHA HATES
MAKING HOLY
BRING.



I'M SORRY
TO BREAK IT
TO YOU, BUT
THAT ISN'T
WHAT LADY
RESHA
WANTS.



ANY
FURTHER
COMMENTS OF
THIS NATURE
WILL BE
CONSIDERED
TREASON
AGAINST THE
KINGDOM.

JUST
WHAT DO
YOU KNOW
ABOUT LADY
RESHA?



I'LL TAKE
'IM!! GA HA
HA HA!

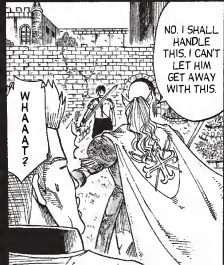
GREAT!
YOU'VE
GOT YOUR-
SELF A
DEAL!!!

SO...GONNA TRY
TO CHASE ME OUT
BY FORCE, HUH...?
PERFECT. YOU GUYS
ARE SUPPOSED TO BE
STRONG, RIGHT?



ACCEPTED...
AND IF YOU
LOSE, YOU
NEVER SET
FOOT NEAR
THIS
CASTLE
AGAIN.

SO WE GOT
A DEAL? I WIN
AND YOU LET
ME SEE
RESHA?



WHAAT?

NO. I SHALL
HANDLE
THIS. I CAN'T
LET HIM
GET AWAY
WITH THIS.

YOU'RE
ON...



SO WHY DON'T
WE HAVE A DUEL,
SWORDSMAN TO
SWORDSMAN? IF I WIN,
YOU LET ME SEE
RESHA.

MY...
PRETTY
IMPRESSIVE...



I'VE
GONE 96
STRAIGHT
FIGHTS WITH-
OUT LOSING.
DON'T UNDER-
ESTIMATE ME.

I DON'T
CARE
WHICH
ONE OF
YOU IT IS
JUST
HURRY
UP.



I CAN
HANDLE
HIM.

M
A
L
T
E
S
E



ALPINE...
THIS LOSER
ISN'T
WORTH
YOUR TIME.

WITNESS
THE
STRONGEST
THE
KINGDOM
HAS TO
OFFER.



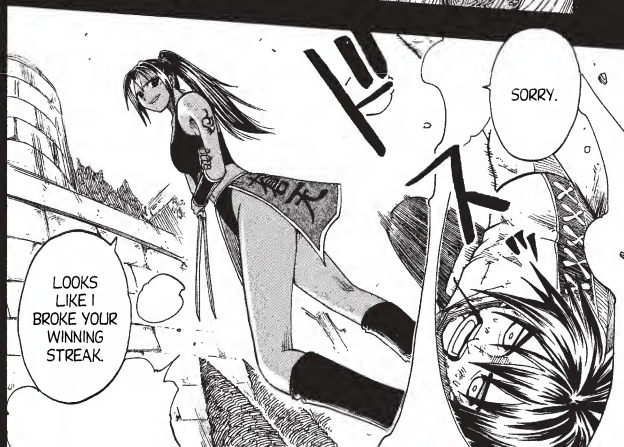
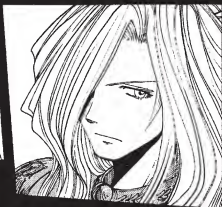
LET ME
TEACH YOU
WHY YOU SHOULD
NEVER DRAW YOUR
SWORD IN FRONT
OF US.



YOU'RE FIRST,
HUH? I AIN'T
HOLDIN' BACK
JUST 'CAUSE
YOU'RE A
GIRL.



NO
WAY...



SORRY.

LOOKS
LIKE I
BROKE YOUR
WINNING
STREAK.

HOW
COULD
I POS-
SIBLY
LOSE?!

AARGH!!

NEVER
SHOW
YOUR
FACE
HERE
AGAIN...

HOWEVER...
THERE IS NO
WAY YOU
CAN BEAT
US IN YOUR
CURRENT
STATE.

YOU'RE GOOD.
I SENSE IN YOU
THE STRENGTH TO
PUT ALL FOUR OF
US TO SHAME.

LET ME
TELL YOU
SOMETHING.

YOU DON'T EVEN
KNOW WHAT YOU'RE
FIGHTING FOR.

AARGH...

I DON'T...
I DON'T GET
IT...



NAME'S
MUSICA.

A-AND
JUST
WHO...
ARE
YOU?

GALEIN MUSICA
LATER BECOMES HAMRIO
MUSICA'S GRANDFATHER



I COME FROM
A PLACE CALLED
PUNK STREET I WAS
SUMMONED HERE. WHICH
I EXPECT MEANS THEY'LL
BE KEEPING ME HERE 'TIL
THIS WAR IS OVER.



UHHO...
LOOKS LIKE
I'M GETTING
PRETTY
FAMOUS.
WELL, SOME-
DAY I'LL BE
THE BEST IN
THE WORLD,
BUT ANYWAY...

MUSICA...
WAIT, YOU'RE
NOT THE
MUSICA ARE
YOU? THE TOP
BLACKSMITH
IN ALL
OF SONG
CONTINENT?





ALL
I NEED IS
A BETTER
SWORD AND
I KNOW I
CAN BEAT
THEM!

PLEASE!!
YOU HAVE
TO MAKE ME
THE STRONGEST
SWORD THERE
IS!!



MAKE
ME A
SWORD,
PLEASE!

THEY'RE
KEEPING ME
FROM SOMEONE
I HAVE TO SEE!!



BUT...
WHY...?



YOU'RE
NOT READY
YET.

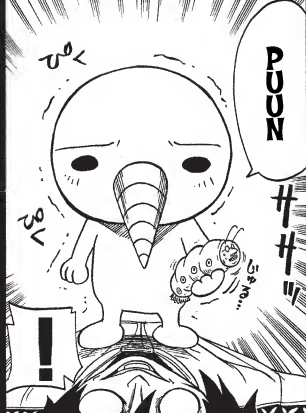
SORRY,
PAL.



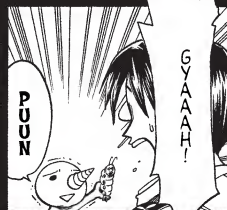
...KEEP
TREATING
ME LIKE A
CHILD?

WHY
DOES
EVERYONE...





After
another
few
days





EH HEH HEH...
KEEP IT A
SECRET, 'KAY?
I SNEAK OUT OF
THERE A LOT ON
MY OWN.



SO...
YOU'RE A
MERCENARY
SOLDIER?

*I'm
surprised.*

YOU'RE
SURPRISED?
IMAGINE HOW
I FELT WHEN
I FOUND OUT
THE GIRL I
SAW DANCING
WAS THE
RESHA.



...BUT
ONCE I GOT
USED TO IT,
I WAS FINE.
ACTUALLY,
IT FEELS
PRETTY GOOD,
I GUESS...

AT FIRST IT
WAS A LITTLE
EMBARRASSING,
DANCING
AROUND IN
LITTLE MORE
THAN MY
UNDER-WEAR...



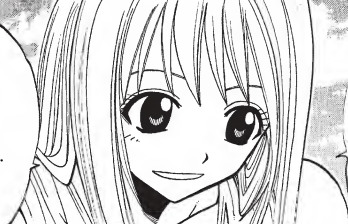
I ALWAYS
LOVED DANCING.
THAT'S WHY
I TOOK IT UP
PROFESSIONALLY.



YOU MEAN
ETHERION?!

BUT...
HOW WERE YOU
ABLE TO START
USING THAT...
WHATCHAMA-
CALLIT
POWER?





IT'S LIKE
A FORM OF
MAGIC...OR
SOMETHING.

I GUESS...
I'VE ALWAYS
BEEN ABLE TO
USE IT, EVER
SINCE I WAS
LITTLE...

*SHE SURE
LIKES TO
TALK A
LOT...*

YOU'LL
NEVER GUESS
WHAT
HAPPENED
NEXT. SO I...

THEN
THEY CALLED
ME TO THE
CASTLE.

BUT THE KING SURE
IS AMAZING. ONE DAY
HE CAME TO ME, OUT OF
THE BLUE, AND SAID, "YOU
HAVE A SPECIAL POWER
INSIDE YOU."

I KEPT IT
A SECRET
FOR THE
LONGEST
TIME.



LISTEN...
RESHA.

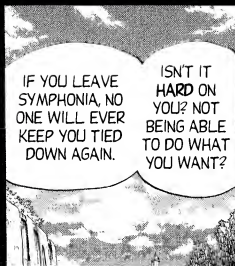


HOW
ABOUT
YOU AND
ME LEAVE
SYMPHONIA
TOGETHER?



YOU'RE
RIGHT.

YOU'D
BE
FREE...



IF YOU LEAVE
SYMPHONIA, NO
ONE WILL EVER
KEEP YOU TIED
DOWN AGAIN.

ISN'T IT
HARD ON
YOU? NOT
BEING ABLE
TO DO WHAT
YOU WANT?



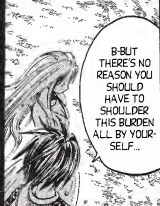
HUH?



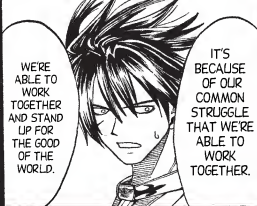
EVERYONE
NEEDS
ME.

BUT I
WANT TO
STAY
HERE.



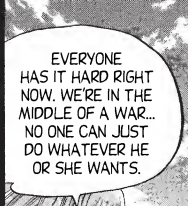


B-BUT
THERE'S NO
REASON YOU
SHOULD
HAVE TO
SHOULDER
THIS BURDEN
ALL BY YOUR-
SELF...

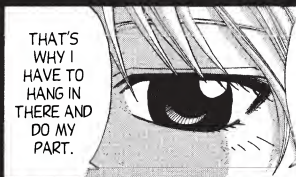


WE'RE
ABLE TO
WORK
TOGETHER
AND STAND
UP FOR
THE GOOD
OF THE
WORLD.

IT'S
BECAUSE
OF OUR
COMMON
STRUGGLE
THAT WE'RE
ABLE TO
WORK
TOGETHER.



EVERYONE
HAS IT HARD RIGHT
NOW. WE'RE IN THE
MIDDLE OF A WAR...
NO ONE CAN JUST
DO WHATEVER HE
OR SHE WANTS.



THAT'S
WHY I
HAVE TO
HANG IN
THERE AND
DO MY
PART.

EVERYONE'S
HOPES FOR
PEACE AND
FREEDOM,
INCLUDING MINE,
ARE RIDING ON
THE HOLY BRING.



SURE, THINGS CAN
BE TOUGH FOR ME
SOMETIMES. BUT THAT
GOES FOR EVERYONE,
NOW MORE THAN
EVER.



I KNOW
YOU'LL
SURELY...

SHIBA,
YOU'RE
SUCH
A NICE
GUJY...



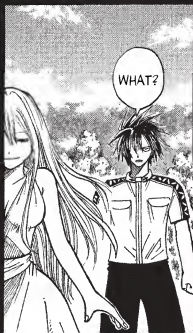
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WAIT
A SEC!!
I STILL HAVE
SOMETHING
TO TELL
YOU!!

I'D BETTER
BE GOING
NOW.

NEVER
MIND... IT'S
NOTHING.



WHAT?



THERE'S
SOMETHING
I WANT TO
GIVE YOU!



I'LL
COME BACK
TOMORROW.
BE HERE
WAITING,
'KAY?



The
next
day



WAIT,
WHERE IS
RESHA,
ANYWAY?



LADY
RESHA
ASKED US
TO GIVE
YOU
THIS...

THIS MUST BE
WHAT SHE SAID
SHE WANTED TO GIVE
ME YESTERDAY...
HEY, THIS IS KINDA
PRETTY.



WHAT'RE
YOU DOING
OUT HERE IN
THE RAIN?
DON'T EVEN
HAVE ANY
UMBRELLAS.

*I guess I don't
either, but...*

JUST
YOU
GUYS,
HUH?



LADY
RESHA
HAS
PASSED
ON.



Y-YOU'RE
KIDDING...
RIGHT?



SHE GAVE
UP HER
LIFE IN
ORDER TO
COMPLETE
THIS HOLY
BRING...

LADY
RESHA
CHOSE
YOU.



YOU DON'T
EVEN KNOW
WHAT YOU'RE
FIGHTING
FOR.

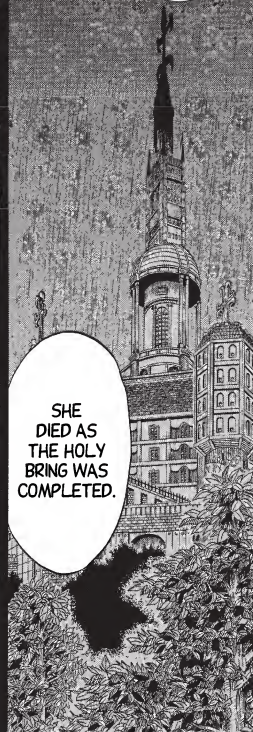
...FOR
THE
SAKE
OF THE
WORLD...

YOU'RE
NOT READY
YET.

YOU
CANNOT
FIGHT FOR
THE SAKE
OF THE
WORLD IN
THAT
STATE.



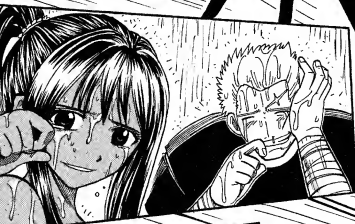
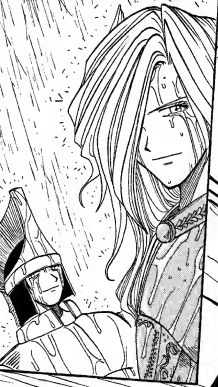
SHE
DIED AS
THE HOLY
BRING WAS
COMPLETED.





EVERY-
BODY'S
BEEN PUT-
TING THEIR
LIVES ON
THE LINE
FOR THE
WORLD!!





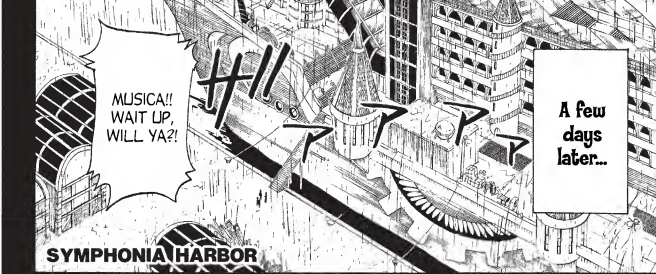
THIS STONE,
FILLED WITH
YOUR SPIRIT,
SHALL LIVE ON
FOREVER AS I
YOUR WISH FOR
THE WORLD!

RESHA

FOR
THE
WORLD
!

I SHALL
FIGHT TO
MAKE
THIS WISH
COME
TRUE!!!





MUSICA!!
WAIT UP,
WILL YA?!

A few
days
later...

SYMPHONIA HARBOR

!!
アアアア
I'M
BEGGING
YOU...
PLEASE
LET US
ON THE
BOAT.

!!
アアアア
HE
WILL
MAKE ME
A SWORD
THIS TIME,
I'M SURE
OF IT!

!!
アアアア
DANG IT!!
DON'T
TELL ME
HE'S
ALREADY
ABOARD
THE SHIP.

!!
アアアア
BUT LOOK!!
WE EVEN HAVE
A DEPARTURE
PERMIT FROM
THE KING
HIMSELF!!

!!
アアアア
I'M
SORRY,
SIR...
WE'RE
ALREADY
AT FULL
CAPACITY.

!!
アアアア
...I TOLD
YOU, THAT'S
NOT THE
PROBLEM
HERE...

!!
アアアア
MY
DAUGHTER
IS ILL!! IF
WE DON'T
GET TO
SONG, SHE
WON'T GET
THE MEDI-
CINE SHE
NEEDS!!

!!
アアアア
BUT MY
DAUGHTER
--!!

!!
アアアア
I DON'T CARE HOW
POOR YOU ARE,
FORGERY IS STILL A
CRIME. I'M WILLING
TO OVERLOOK IT
THIS TIME, SO
JUST HEAD ON
HOME.

!!
アアアア
MMM...
SO, THAT
MEANS THIS
PERMIT IS
A FAKE,
RIGHT?

!!
アアアア
HEY, WAIT A MINUTE...
HASN'T THE KING BEEN
MISSING SINCE THE
DAY LADY RESHA
PASSED AWAY?



WHY DON'T I
HAVE A WORD
WITH THE
CAPTAIN,
THEN?

I-I UNDERSTAND, SIR,
I REALLY DO. BUT
WE CAN'T EXCEED
THE MAXIMUM
PASSENGER LIMIT.

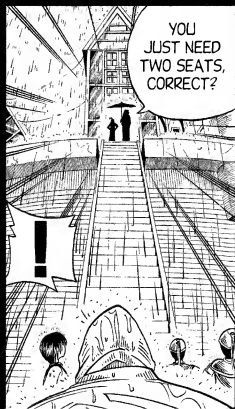
N-NO,
PLEASE,
ANY-
THING
BUT
THAT...

QUIT
BEING SUCH
A COUPLE OF
TIGHTWADS.
JUST LET 'EM
ON THE BOAT
ALREADY.

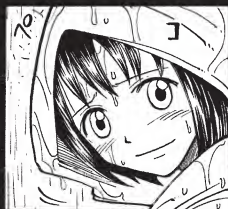
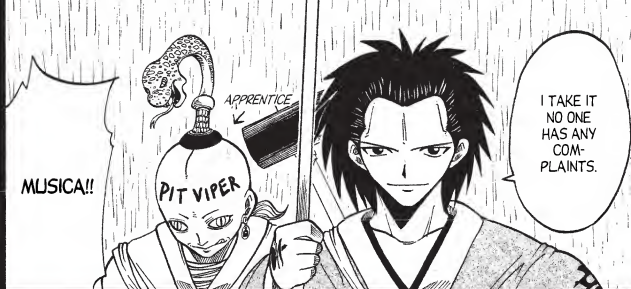


LET
THAT MAN
AND HIS
DAUGHTER
ON INSTEAD.

MY
APPRENTICE
AND I WILL
GET OFF.



YOU
JUST NEED
TWO SEATS,
CORRECT?





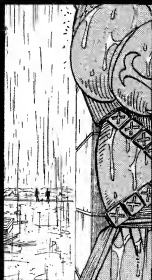
THE
SWORD
OF THE
WORLD.

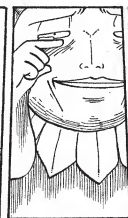
NOW, IF
YOU'RE
STILL
INTERESTED,
LET ME
MAKE IT
FOR YOU...



IT'S A
DEAL.

ALL
RIGHT...







THINKING ABOUT ALL THOSE MEMORIES, I JUST CAN'T STOP CRYING.

YOU REALLY HAVE HAD AN EXCITING LIFE, OLD MAN.



...AND THAT'S HOW HOLY BRING CAME INTO EXISTENCE.



CAN I ASK YOU SOMETHING?

HMM?



YES, YES! NOW THAT THAT'S OVER, WHY DON'T I TELL YOU ALL ABOUT WHEN I WAS YOUNG AND IN LO-

HEY, SHIBA.



THEY CHANGED THE NAME FROM HOLY BRING...

THE PEOPLE WANTED TO DO SOMETHING TO HONOR THAT DEAR GIRL.



MM
HMM...

THAT'S RIGHT...



THOSE HOLY BRING... THEY WOULDN'T BY ANY CHANCE BE RAVE, WOULD THEY?



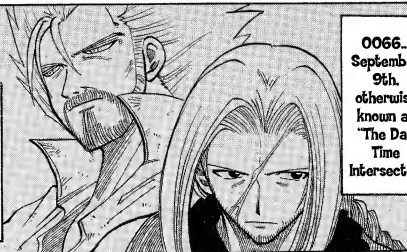
SO THEY
TOOK THE
FIRST AND LAST
LETTERS OF
HER FIRST AND
LAST NAME,
RESHA
VALENTINE...

...AND
CALLED
THEM
RAVE.

RAVE0015
Knights of Kingdom

~Fin~

Gale Glory
and King-
two great
forces-
departed
from this
world.

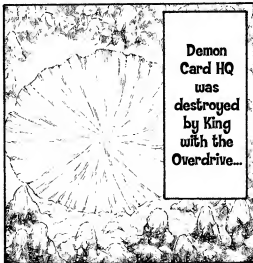


0066...
September
9th,
otherwise
known as
"The Day
Time
Intersects."

The scattered
remaining Demon
Card forces were
rounded up by
imperial forces,
and Demon Card
was not even a
shadow of its
former self.



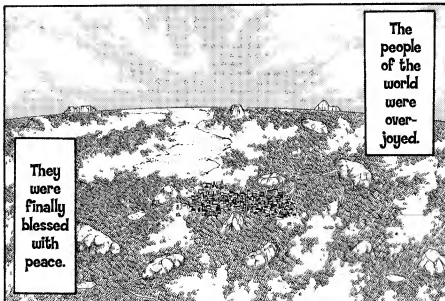
Demon
Card HQ
was
destroyed
by King
with the
Overdrive...



Six months
later...

...it is now
0067...

They
were
finally
blessed
with
peace.

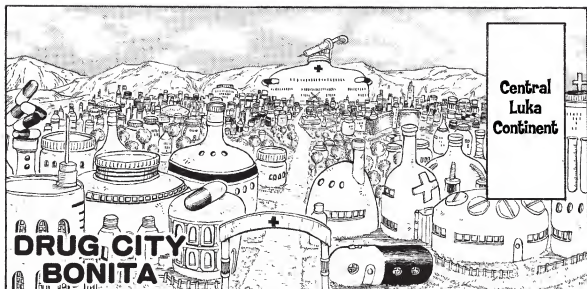


The
people
of the
world
were
over-
joyed.

RAVE

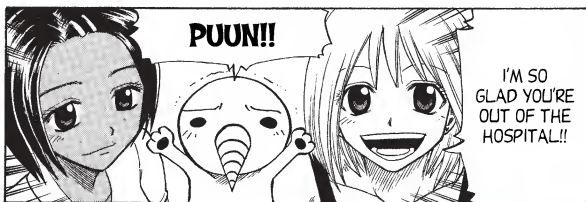
MASTER

RAVE: 74 ➕ A BRAND-NEW START!



Central
Luka
Continent

**DRUG CITY
BONITA**



PUUN!!

I'M SO
GLAD YOU'RE
OUT OF THE
HOSPITAL!!



NOW
THAT YOU'RE
BETTER, I CAN
GO BACK TO
AQUA PALACE
WITH MY
BROTHER.

I'M GLAD...
FOR A WHILE. I
WASN'T SURE
IF I WAS GOING
TO MAKE IT.



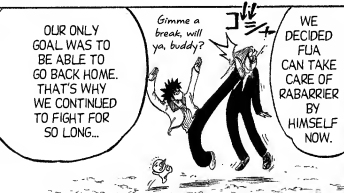
JUST ONE
TIME, WHY
DON'T YOU
AND I...

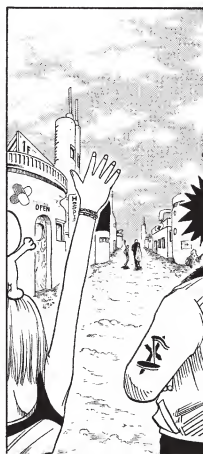
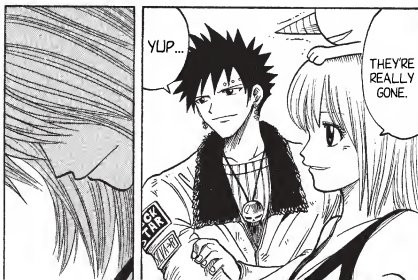
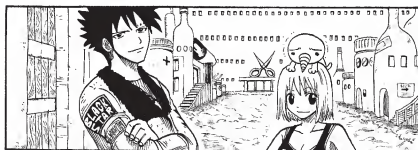
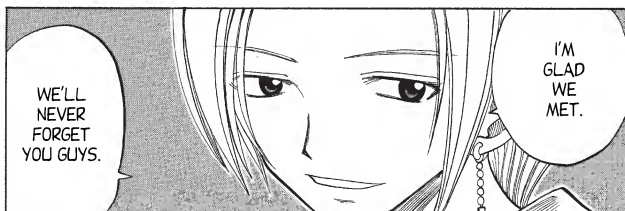
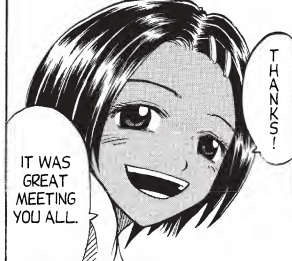
SO
YOU'RE
DITCHIN'
US, HUH?
WHAT A
SHAME.



THANKS,
TO YOU
GUYS.

I NEVER
COULD
HAVE
PULLED
THROUGH
WITHOUT
YOU.







YOUR OWN
HIDDEN
TREASURE,
HUH...?

MAYBE
I'LL GET BACK
TO LOOKING
FOR MY OWN
HIDDEN
TREASURE.

I DUNNO...
THE
FIGHTING'S
OVER AND
ALL...

SO... WHAT
DO WE
DO NOW,
MUSICA?



YEAH...
I DID
PROMISE
HIM, BUT
YOU
KNOW...

WHADDAYA
MEAN...?
THOUGHT
YOU WERE
STICKIN'
WITH HARU.

MAYBE
I'LL GO ON A
TRIP OF MY
OWN TO
FIND MY
MEMORY.



MR.
ALLIGATOR
?



I SENSE
GREAT
SADNESS
IN THE
AIR.



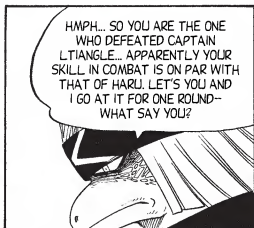
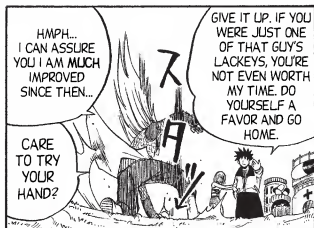
WE'RE GOING
AFTER
DIFFERENT
THINGS,
YOU KNOW.

HARU WAS
TALKING ABOUT
HOW HE'S
GONNA COLLECT
ALL THE RAVE
STONES...



EVERYONE
GOES THEIR
SEPARATE
WAYS...

I SEE...



...MAY BE
THE
SAME.

THE
ANSWER
TO ALL
OF YOUR
QUESTS...

THEREIN
LAY ALL
THE
ANSWERS

WHEN ALL
OF THE RAVE
STONES ARE
COLLECTED...
IT IS SAID
THE ROAD TO
THE OTHER
SIDE OF RAVE
WILL OPEN.

YOU WILL
FIND ALL YOUR
ANSWERS THERE.
NO...IT WOULD BE
EASIER TO SAY
THERE EXISTS NO
QUESTION THAT
DOES NOT HAVE
AN ANSWER ON
THE OTHER SIDE
OF RAVE.

S-SILVER
RAY... HOW
DO YOU
KNOW
ABOUT...?

AS WELL AS...
YOUR HIDDEN
TREASURE...
THE SHIP,
SILVER RAY.

YOUR MEMORY,
YOUNG LASS...
AND THE REAL
MEANING OF
RAVE...

UMPH...
THE OTHER
SIDE OF RAVE.
IN OTHER
WORDS...

WHEN ALL
OF THE RAVE
STONES ARE
TOGETHER...

I'VE SPENT MY LIFE
LOOKING FOR SILVER
RAY, AND ALL THIS
TIME THE CLUES
WERE RIGHT BESIDE
ME. THE RAVE
STONES...

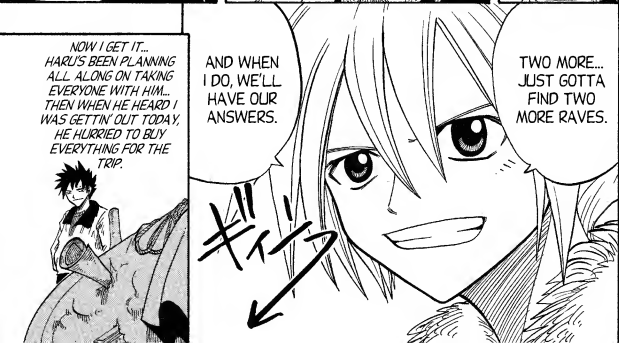
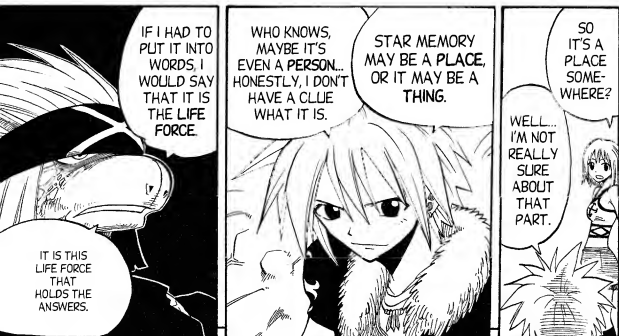
SO THAT
MEANS...
WHEN ALL
THE RAVE
STONES
ARE
TOGETHER...

...I'LL FIND
OUT WHO
I AM.



WE'RE
HEADIN'
FOR
STAR
MEMORY!

DRAG



TO
STAR
MEMORY
!

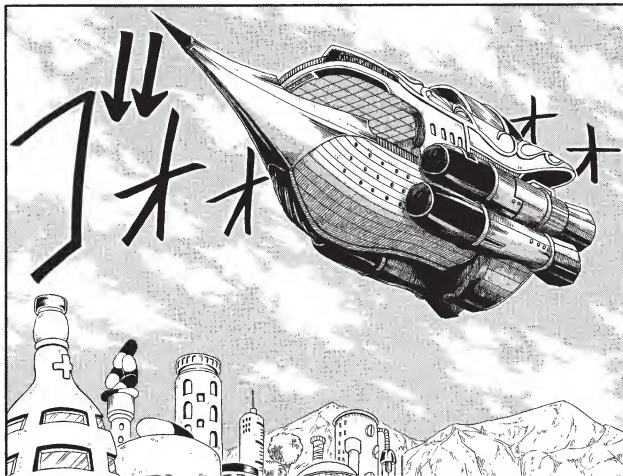
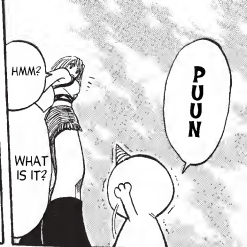
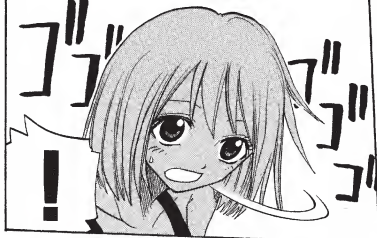
LET'S
GO THERE
TOGETHER!

MY PLACE
IS WITH
THESE
GUYS.

I GUESS
I'VE
KNOWN.
TALLS
ALONG.

HARU... SO
YOU ARE
GOING TO
KEEP YOUR
PROMISE!





WE'VE
MISSED
YOU,
MUSICA!

LONG
TIME
NO SEE,
EVERYONE!!



MUSICA!!
I HATE TO
SAY THIS,
BUT WE
HAVE ONE
LITTLE
PROBLEM...



ISN'T THIS
GREAT, PLUE?
WE GET TO BE
WITH GRIFF
AGAIN.

PUPOUN



WHADDYA
THINK? WE'LL
BE TAKING THE
SKIES FROM
NOW ON.

ALRIGHT!!



YOU
MORON!!
YOU GOTTA
FIX THAT
KIND OF
STUFF!!

GOOD
HELP
IS
HARD
TO
FIND

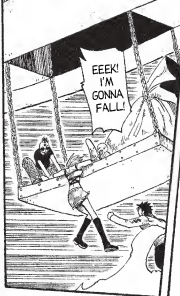


WE'RE
HAVING
SOME
ENGINE
TROUBLE.
WE CAN'T
STOP!!

YOU'LL
HAVE TO
JUMP ON
AS WE GO
BY!!



HOW'S IT
HANGIN'?

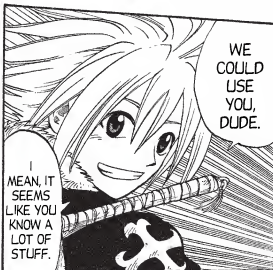


EEEE!
I'M
GONNA
FALL!



NO
SWEAT
!!

LET'S
GO!



WE
COULD
USE
YOU,
DUDE.

I
MEAN, IT
SEEMS
LIKE YOU
KNOW A
LOT OF
STUFF.



COME
ON,
LET!



HURRY,
HARU!



OKAY!!
I DON'T
CARE
WHY!!
JUST
GET
ON!!



JUST SO WE'RE
CLEAR...I AM ONLY
ACCOMPANYING YOU
IN ORDER THAT I
MAY STUDY YOUR
WEAKNESSES.

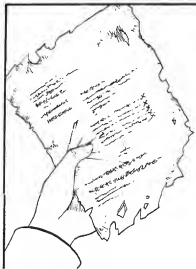




ACCORDING
TO THIS
DOCUMENT,
THE ETHERION
PROJECT ENDED
YEARS AGO...
AFTER ONLY
200 FAILED
EXPERIMENTS.

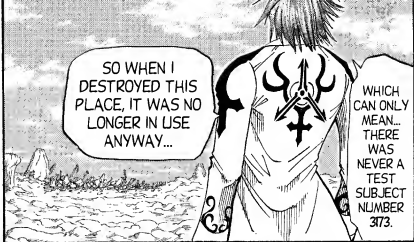


THAT
WAS
CARE-
LESS...





SO THEN
WHY...WHY
WAS ELIE
THERE
THAT
DAY...?



SO WHEN I
DESTROYED THIS
PLACE, IT WAS NO
LONGER IN USE
ANYWAY...

WHICH
CAN ONLY
MEAN...
THERE
WAS
NEVER A
TEST
SUBJECT
NUMBER
3173.



ELIE... JUST
WHO ARE
YOU...?



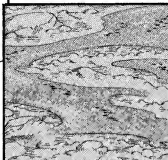
YOU HAVE THE
SAME FACE AS
RESHA, AND
POSSESS THE
POWER OF
ETHERION...



THIS
JUST...
CAN'T
BE...

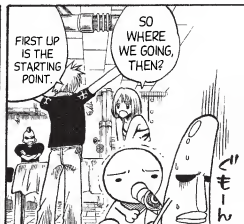
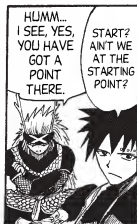
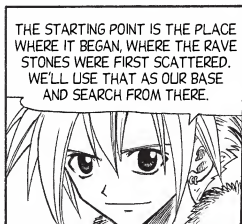
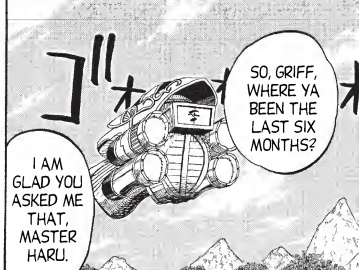
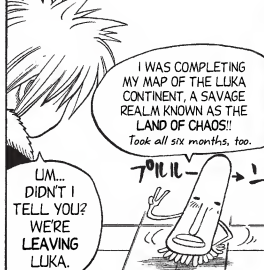


IMPOSSIBLE...



...TO
THE LAND
WHERE
SADNESS
SLUMBERS...
SYMPHONIA.

IF I AM TO
SAVE TIME,
I HAVE NO
CHOICE BUT
TO GO...

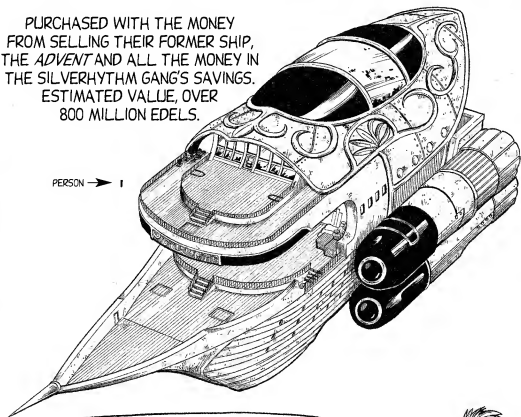


RAVE MASTER

FLYING SHIP **SILVER KNIGHTS**

PURCHASED WITH THE MONEY
FROM SELLING THEIR FORMER SHIP,
THE ADVENT AND ALL THE MONEY IN
THE SILVERHYTHM GANG'S SAVINGS.
ESTIMATED VALUE, OVER
800 MILLION EDELS.

PERSON → I



YO! HEBI HERE. THIS BABY'S OUR BRAND-
NEW SHIP. SHE RUNS ON LOW-COST FUEL
FROM THE EARTH, CALLED "MOTHER
ENERGY." BUT SINCE SHE'S BIG, EVEN WITH
LOW-COST FUEL, SHE STILL COSTS A
FORTUNE TO KEEP RUNNIN'.



ゴォォォォォ



HARU!
OVER
HERE,
OVER
HERE!!

ロキ——!!



DUDE!
CHECK THAT
OUT. IT'S
GOT A TON
OF WINGS.

THAT
BIRD'S SO
BEAUTIFUL!!

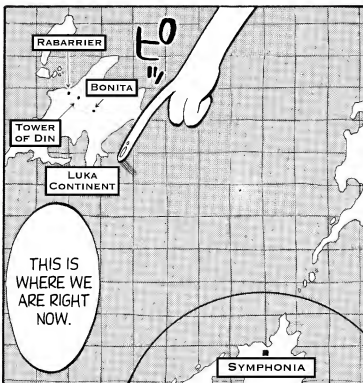
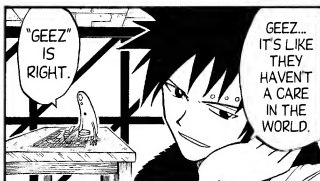
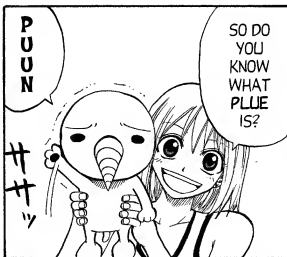
AMONG THE
SILVERHYTHM
GANG, I'M KNOWN
AS A WALKING
ANIMAL
ENCYCLOPEDIA.

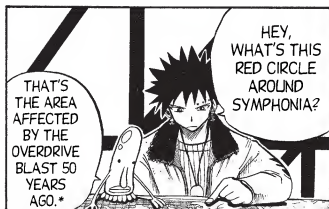
I'M
YOUR MAN
WHEN IT
COMES TO
BIOLOGY.

COOL!
YOU SURE
KNOW A
LOT
ABOUT
'EM.

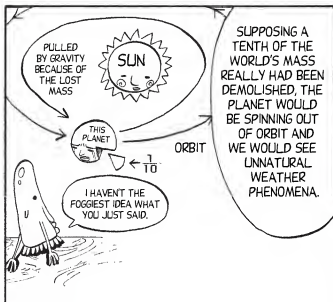
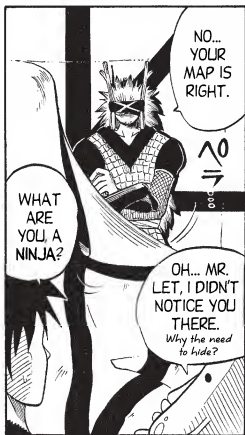
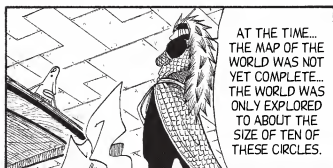
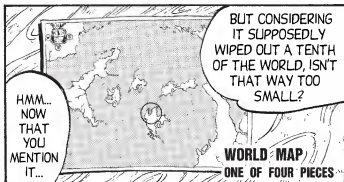
THEY SAY THAT
EACH OF THE BIRD'S
SEVEN WINGS HAS
A DIFFERENT
SMELL.

THAT'S A
RAINBOW BIRD,
ONE OF THE
THREE MOST
ENDANGERED
SPECIES OF
BIRD IN THE
WORLD.





*ACTUALLY THAT WOULD BE 51 YEARS, NOW.





HOWEVER, THIS OVERDRIVE DID NOT DISRUPT THE PLANET'S ORBIT. BUT IT DID MANAGE TO CAUSE A MAJOR DISTURBANCE IN THE ATMOSPHERE SURROUNDING SYMPHONIA.



I GET IT... IT MAKES SENSE ONCE YOU THINK ABOUT IT.



THE DEATH STORM.

A HUGE, POWERFUL STORM THAT ENCIRCLES SYMPHONIA TO THIS DAY.



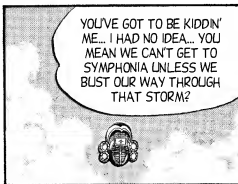
AND HERE YOU WERE ALL SET TO FLY TO SYMPHONIA... WHAT WOULD YOU EVER DO WITHOUT ME?

ALL RIGHT, WISE GUY... JUST TELL US THE SECRET.

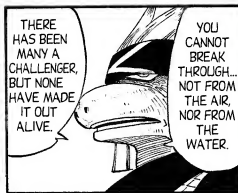


SO HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO GET TO SYMPHONIA?

WHAT'S THIS? YOU DON'T KNOW THAT, EITHER?

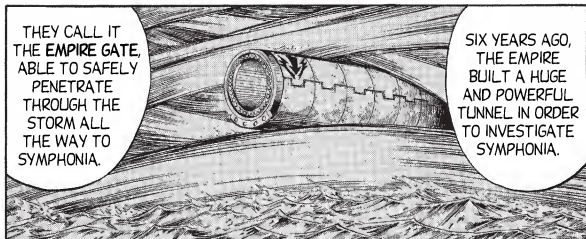


YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDIN' ME... I HAD NO IDEA... YOU MEAN WE CAN'T GET TO SYMPHONIA UNLESS WE BUST OUR WAY THROUGH THAT STORM?



THERE HAS BEEN MANY A CHALLENGER, BUT NONE HAVE MADE IT OUT ALIVE.

YOU CANNOT BREAK THROUGH... NOT FROM THE AIR, NOR FROM THE WATER.



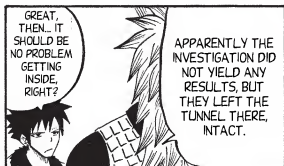
THEY CALL IT
THE EMPIRE GATE,
ABLE TO SAFELY
PENETRATE
THROUGH THE
STORM ALL
THE WAY TO
SYMPHONIA.

SIX YEARS AGO,
THE EMPIRE
BUILT A HUGE
AND POWERFUL
TUNNEL IN ORDER
TO INVESTIGATE
SYMPHONIA.



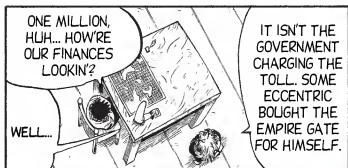
WHOA!!

YES,
ASSUMING YOU
CAN PAY THE
ONE MILLION
EDEL TOLL.



GREAT,
THEN... IT
SHOULD BE
NO PROBLEM
GETTING
INSIDE,
RIGHT?

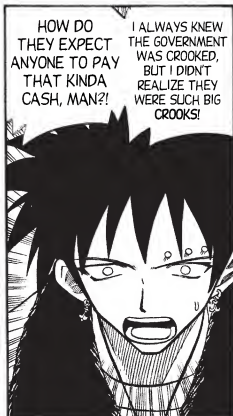
APPARENTLY THE
INVESTIGATION DID
NOT YIELD ANY
RESULTS, BUT
THEY LEFT THE
TUNNEL THERE,
INTACT.



ONE MILLION.
HUH... HOW'RE
OUR FINANCES
LOOKIN'?

WELL...

IT ISN'T THE
GOVERNMENT
CHARGING THE
TOLL. SOME
ECCENTRIC
BOUGHT THE
EMPIRE GATE
FOR HIMSELF.



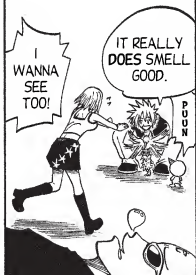
HOW DO
THEY EXPECT
ANYONE TO PAY
THAT KINDA
CASH, MAN?!

I ALWAYS KNEW
THE GOVERNMENT
WAS CROOKED,
BUT I DIDN'T
REALIZE THEY
WERE SUCH BIG
CROOKS!



HMM...
AH YES,
HERE
WE GO.

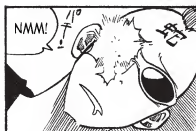
WE HAD TWO MILLION IN
THE BANK LAST WEEK, BUT
WITH THE NEW AIRCRAFT
LOAN, FOOD AND SUPPLIES FOR
THE CREW, AIRCRAFT UPKEEP
EXPENSES, MONEY FOR MISS
ELIE'S CLOTHING, MONEY
FOR MASTER PLIE'S
SUCKERS...



I
WANNA
SEE
TOO!

IT REALLY
DOES SMELL
GOOD.

PUSH



NMM!

I
CAUGHT
THE
BIRD!!!



I DID
IT!!!



WHAT'S
THAT?

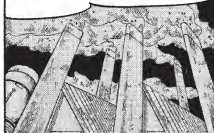
I ALREADY
TOLD YOU!!
IT'S ONE OF THE
THREE MOST
ENDANGERED
SPECIES IN THE
WORLD!!

WHY
NOT?



WHAT
THE--?!
YOU
CAN'T
CATCH
THAT!

HOWEVER, DUE TO AIR
POLLUTION, RAINBOW BIRDS
STARTED DOWN THE ROAD TO
EXTINCTION, AND THE MERE
FIVE REMAINING SPECIMENS ARE
VALUABLE BEYOND WORDS.

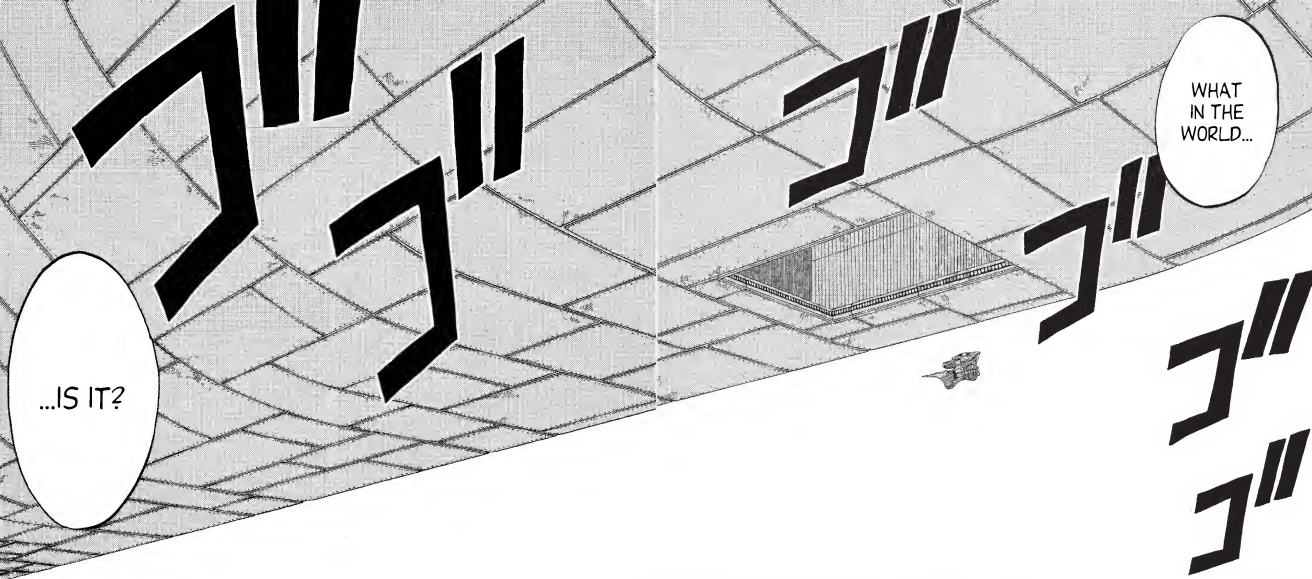


IT IS SAID
THAT SEEING
A RAINBOW-
COLORED
FLOCK WAS
QUITE THE
SIGHT TO
BEHOLD.

A LONG TIME AGO,
RAINBOW BIRDS
USED TO FLOURISH
ON THE CONTINENT
OF ALBANA, AND
THEY WOULD
MIGRATE SOUTH
FOR THE WINTER.







...IS IT?

WHAT
IN THE
WORLD...

*SENTINOIDS - CIVILIZED CREATURES THAT AREN'T HUMAN



ALL RIGHT,
EVERYONE,
REMEMBER
WHERE WE
PAIRED.
POYO.

ALL RIGHT,
LET'S CHANGE
OUR CLOTHES
AND GO IN,
POYO!

I DUNNO...
SOMETHING
ABOUT THAT
SIGN SURE IS
FISHY...

HMM...IT
SOLIDS
QUITE
INVITING.

POYO!

HAIL
NOW
YOU'RE
SAYING
IT
TOO!



LET'S SEE... "FORMAL
ATTIRE ONLY BEYOND
THIS POINT, POYO..."

SENTINOIDS?
ARE WELCOME AS WELL,
POYO. THE OWNER, YOURS
TRULY, IS A SENTINOID,
TOO, POYO."



HEY,
GUYS!
THERE'S
A NOTE
ON THE
DOOR
HERE!



HMM...
STILL, WE
MUSTN'T
LET OUR
GUARD
DOWN.



THEY'RE
BIG ENOUGH.
MAYBE THEY
CAN SPARE
US SOME
FOOD AND
FUEL.

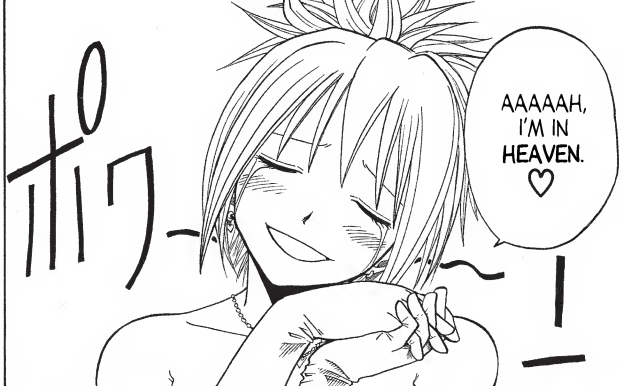


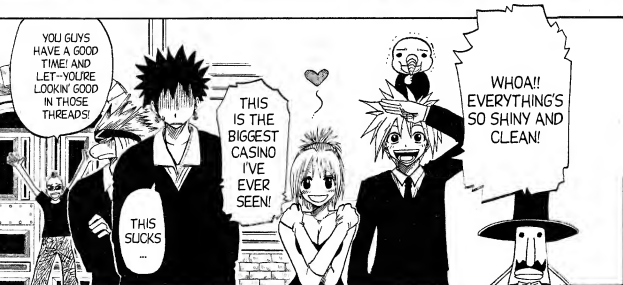
HMPH.
BUT A
HOLE IN
WHAT?

OOO!
I KNOW
WHAT IT
IS! IT'S A
HOLE!

DUDE...
I'VE GOT
A BAD
FEELING
ABOUT
THIS...

IT'S
PULLING
US IN!



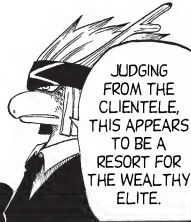




RICH
PEOPLE
...?

SO THAT'S WHY
THE DRESS CODE,
HUH? MAN, DO I
FEEL LIKE A FISH
OUTTA WATER.

STUPID
RICH
PEOPLE...



JUDGING
FROM THE
CLIENTELE,
THIS APPEARS
TO BE A
RESORT FOR
THE WEALTHY
ELITE.



NO, IT
CAN'T BE...
YOU'RE NOT
THINKING OF
SELLING
DIRTY
PICTURES
OF ELIE...
ARE YOU
?!!



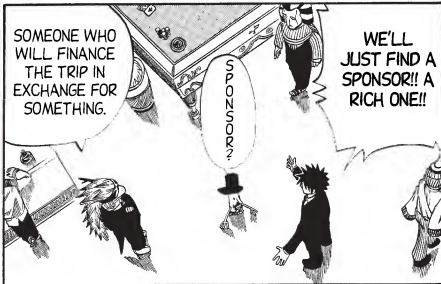
THAT'S IT!
THIS IS
PERFECT!

ALL
RIGHT, BOYS!
OUR MONEY
PROBLEMS
ARE OVER!!



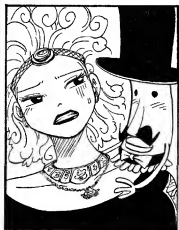
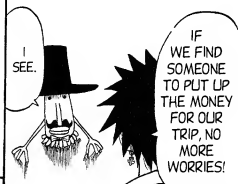
NO, A
SPONSOR.

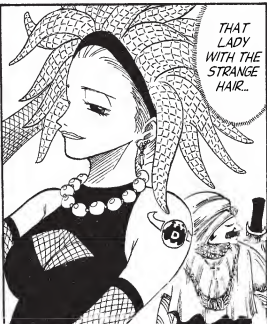
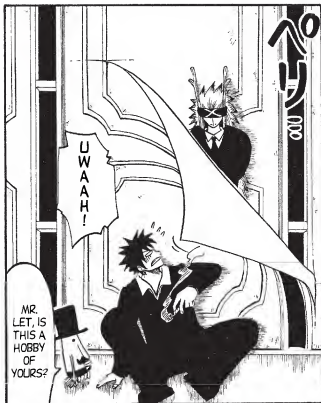
BASICALLY,
A SLUCKER.



SOMEONE WHO
WILL FINANCE
THE TRIP IN
EXCHANGE FOR
SOMETHING.

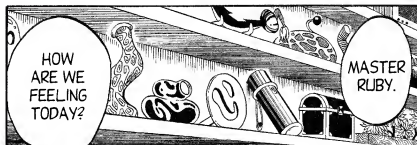
WE'LL
JUST FIND A
SPONSOR!! A
RICH ONE!!







AND THOSE TWO—THEY SEEM DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHER CUSTOMERS... THIS PLACE APPEARS TO BE MORE THAN JUST A PLACE OF AMUSEMENT.



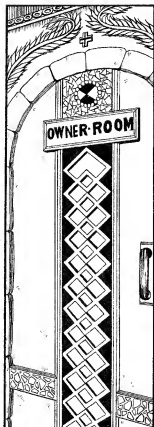
MASTER RUBY.



YES, INDEED.



MM-HMM.



HOWEVER HE DOES SEND HIS DEEPEST APOLOGIES FOR NOT BEING ABLE TO MEET WITH YOU TODAY...

MASTER DORYU IS JUST FINE, AS USUAL.

AND HOW IS DORYU, POYO?

LET'S
GET DOWN TO
BUSINESS. WHAT
HAS THE DORYU
GHOST ATTACK
SQUAD BROUGHT
FOR ME TODAY,
POYO?

THAT'S
FINE,
POYO.

OWNER OF THE
FLYING CASINO

RUBY

AAAAAAH!
THAT'S
AMAZING,
POYO!!
I WANT IT,
POYOOO!

I RAN ACROSS IT
JUST RECENTLY
AND CAPTURED
IT FOR YOU.

YES... I HAVE FOR YOU
THE RARE RAINBOW
BIRD, ONE OF ONLY
FIVE SURVIVING
SPECIMENS.

FRANKEN BILLY

DORYU GHOST
ATTACK SQUAD

TCH!

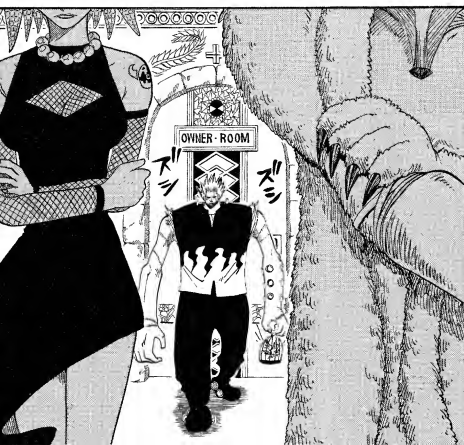
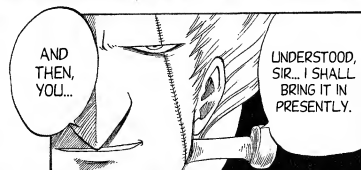
JUST BEING
ABLE TO SEE
A REAL ONE
IN PERSON
IS GOOD
ENOUGH
FOR ME,
POYO.

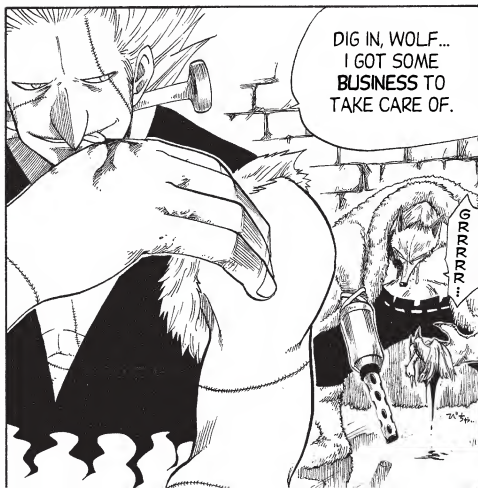
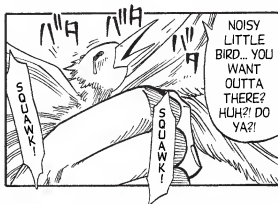
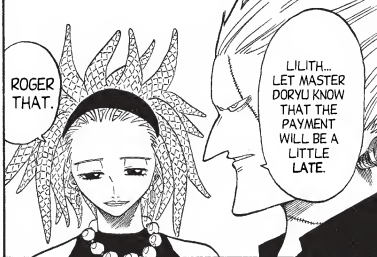
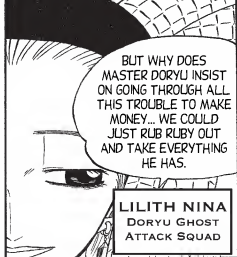
RAINBOW
BIRDS ARE ON
THE VERGE OF
EXTINCTION, POYO.
POOR THINGS,
POYO.

A COLLECTOR OF
RARE GOODS SUCH
AS YOURSELF IS
GOING TO SET THIS
RARE CREATURE
FREE?

BUT I'M
GOING
TO LET
IT GO,
POYO.







RAVE MASTER



RAVE:76  THE DARK'S OPPRESSIVE REGIME

**Flying
Casino**

IDEAL LAKE

BLACK-
JACK
!!

YIPPEE!!



C'MON,
HARU!
YOU
GOTTA
TRY
THIS!

SHE MUST
BE THE
DAUGHTER
OF SOME
LOFTY STATES-
MAN.

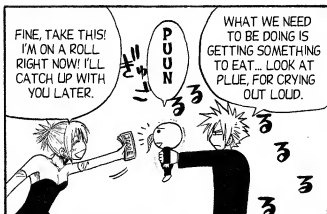
OR SOME
FAMOUS
FINANCIER.

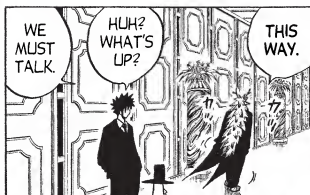
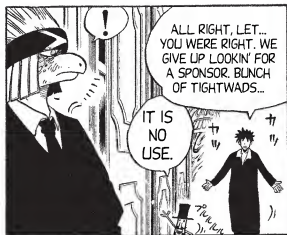
SHE
HASN'T
LOST A
SINGLE
HAND
YET!

WHOOA!
THAT
LITTLE
LADY IS
ON A
ROLL!

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ざあ

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IT WAS A MIRACLE WROUGHT BY THOSE TWO ALONE. YOU WERE HARDLY INVOLVED.

DON'T FLATTER YOURSELF. THE KEY TO YOUR VICTORY WAS HARU'S FATHER, GALE GLORY, AND THE SACRIFICE OF KING.



WE TOOK DOWN DC, REMEMBER?

SO, WHAT'S THAT HAVE TO DO WITH US? YOU'RE NOT EXPECTING US TO FIGHT 'EM, ARE YOU?



THE ABSENCE OF DEMON CARD HAS LEFT A VOID IN THE CRIMINAL WORLD, AND AS WE SPEAK THESE GROUPS ARE GROWING TO FILL IT...

WH- WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

LISTEN, HALF A YEAR HAS PASSED SINCE THE DEMISE OF DEMON CARD... THE UNDERWORLD THAT WAS ASLEEP ALL THIS TIME HAS FINALLY AWOKEN.

DO YOU HAVE A POINT THERE, LIZARD LIPS?

I THINK I WAS QUITE CLEAR.



HOWEVER, UNDER THE RADAR EXISTED A NUMBER OF SMALL UNDERWORLD ORGANIZATIONS THAT NEVER STOOD OUT.

SMALL, INCONSEQUENTIAL ORGANIZATIONS

YLP.

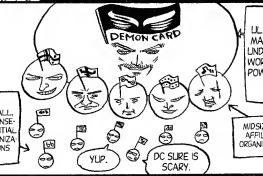
DC SURE IS SCARY.

ULTIMATE UNDERWORLD POWER

MIDSIZE DC-AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

FOR YEARS, DEMON CARD RULED AT THE TOP OF THE UNDERWORLD.

LET ME MAKE THIS CLEARER...



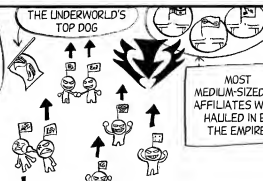
NO WAY...

THOSE SMALL ORGANIZATIONS ARE STARTING TO GAIN POWER, BELIEVING THAT THIS IS THEIR CHANCE TO SEIZE THE POWER ONCE HELD BY DC.

THE UNDERWORLD'S TOP DOG

WITH THE DESTRUCTION OF DC, THE UNDERWORLD LOST ITS TOP DOG...PRODUCING CHAOS IN THE WORKINGS OF THE UNDERWORLD.

MOST MEDIUM-SIZED DC AFFILIATES WERE HAULED IN BY THE EMPIRE.



NOW, THIS IS
NOTHING MORE
THAN CONJECTURE,
BUT I THOUGHT
ABOUT WHY THE
DORYU GHOST
ATTACK SQUAD
WOULD BE IN A
PLACE LIKE
THIS...

WE CAN RULE OUT
THEM BEING HERE
FOR PLEASURE...
I SPIED ON THEM
A BIT, AND THEY
DIDN'T SEEM TO
BE LIVING IT UP.

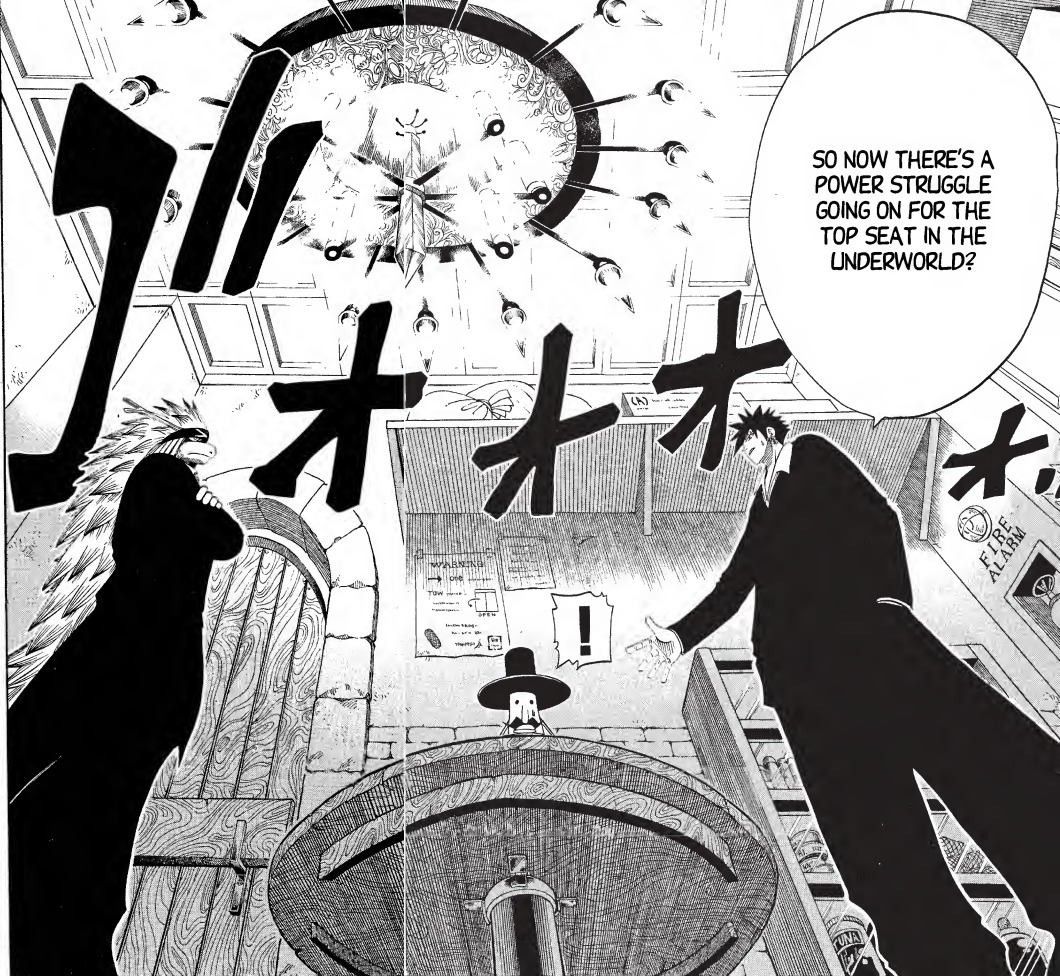
SO THAT LEADS
ME TO BELIEVE
THAT MAYBE, JUST
LIKE US, THEY ARE
HERE LOOKING
FOR A SPONSOR.
OR PERHAPS THEY
ALREADY HAVE ONE
AND CAME TO
MEET WITH
THAT PERSON.

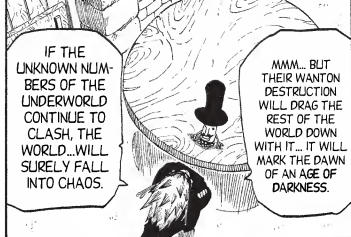
IT TAKES
MONEY TO
GROW AN
ORGANIZATION.

ALL TO
GAIN THE
TOP SEAT
OF THE
UNDER-
WORLD, HUH...

ALL TO
GAIN
MORE
POWER...

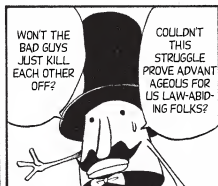
SO NOW THERE'S A
POWER STRUGGLE
GOING ON FOR THE
TOP SEAT IN THE
UNDERWORLD?





IF THE UNKNOWN NUMBERS OF THE UNDERWORLD CONTINUE TO CLASH, THE WORLD...WILL SURELY FALL INTO CHAOS.

MMM... BUT THEIR WANTON DESTRUCTION WILL DRAG THE REST OF THE WORLD DOWN WITH IT... IT WILL MARK THE DAWN OF AN AGE OF DARKNESS.



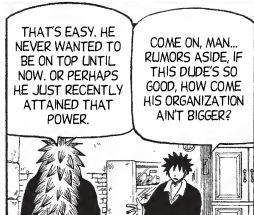
WON'T THE BAD GUYS JUST KILL EACH OTHER OFF?

COULDN'T THIS STRUGGLE PROVE ADVANTAGEOUS FOR US LAW-ABIDING FOLKS?



...WE MAY END UP WITH AN EVIL EMPIRE EVEN BIGGER AND STRONGER THAN DC EVER WAS.

AND IF ONE OF THESE POWERS SHOULD RISE TO THE TOP...



THAT'S EASY. HE NEVER WANTED TO BE ON TOP UNTIL NOW. OR PERHAPS HE JUST RECENTLY ATTAINED THAT POWER.

COME ON, MAN... RUMORS ASIDE, IF THIS DUDE'S SO GOOD, HOW COME HIS ORGANIZATION AIN'T BIGGER?

I WOULD ADVISE AGAINST IT. WE DON'T KNOW HOW STRONG HIS ORGANIZATION IS, BUT I DO KNOW THAT DORYU IS NOT TO BE TAKEN LIGHTLY.

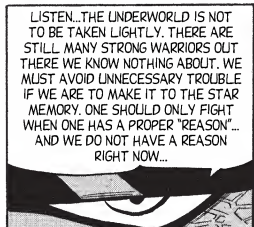


RUMOR HAS IT HE'S AS STRONG AS KING AND GALE GLORY WERE. FRANKLY, I DON'T THINK WE STAND A CHANCE AGAINST HIM RIGHT NOW...



THEN WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER TO CRUSH THEM NOW, BEFORE THAT HAPPENS?

THESE DORYU GHOST ATTACK SQUAD PEOPLE, I MEAN...



LISTEN...THE UNDERWORLD IS NOT TO BE TAKEN LIGHTLY. THERE ARE STILL MANY STRONG WARRIORS OUT THERE WE KNOW NOTHING ABOUT. WE MUST AVOID UNNECESSARY TROUBLE IF WE ARE TO MAKE IT TO THE STAR MEMORY. ONE SHOULD ONLY FIGHT WHEN ONE HAS A PROPER "REASON"... AND WE DO NOT HAVE A REASON RIGHT NOW...

BUT NOW
THE WORLD
WILL BE
CAUGHT UP
IN A BATTLE
FOR
UNDERWORLD
SUPREMACY...

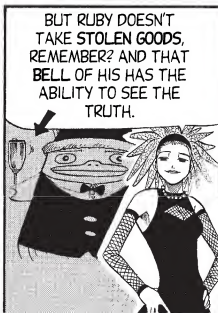
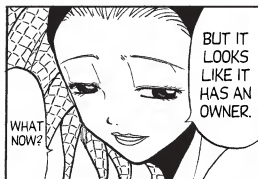
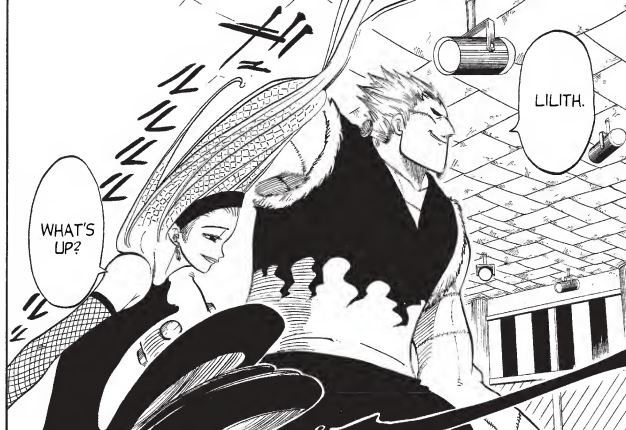
THAT DAY
SIX MONTHS AGO
MARKED A
TURNING POINT
IN HISTORY.

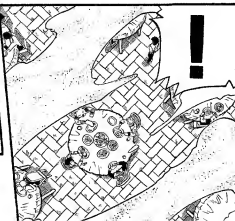
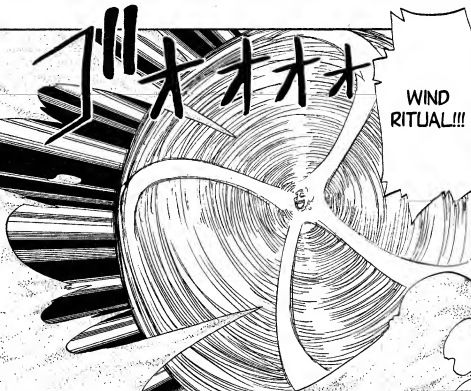
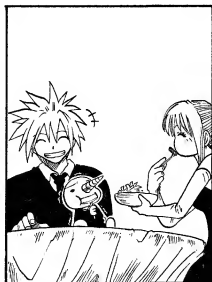
GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT...
WHY DON'T WE BLOW
THIS JOINT BEFORE
WE RUN INTO
TROUBLE.

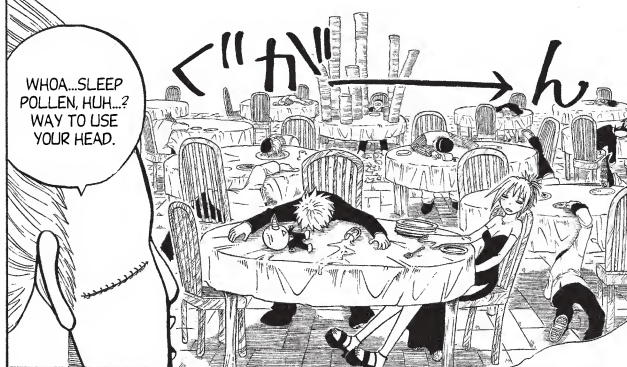
MMMM

YES!
GET ME
OUT OF
HERE!











MASTER DORYU IS EXTRAORDINARILY STRONG, BUT THERE IS ONLY ONE REASON HE WASN'T ON TOP: HE DIDN'T HAVE A BIG ORGANIZATION BEHIND HIM.

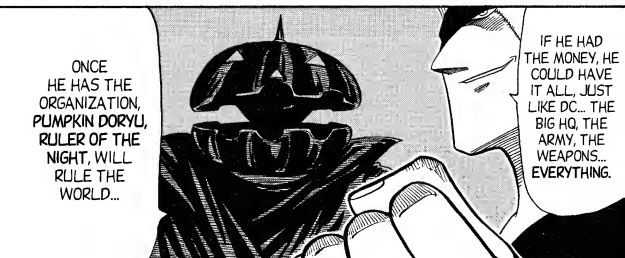


CAN WE REALLY GET POWER JUST WITH MONEY?



ABSOLUTE RULE OF THE UNDER-WORLD...

ONCE WE COLLECT ON THIS GUY, WE'LL BE ONE STEP CLOSER TO OUR GOAL...



ONCE HE HAS THE ORGANIZATION, PUMPKIN DORYU, RULER OF THE NIGHT, WILL RULE THE WORLD...

IF HE HAD THE MONEY, HE COULD HAVE IT ALL, JUST LIKE DC... THE BIG HQ, THE ARMY, THE WEAPONS... EVERYTHING.



FIRE.

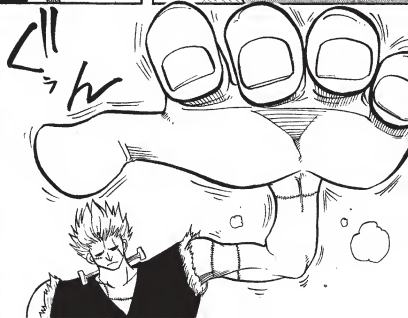
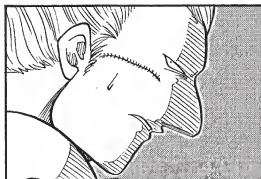


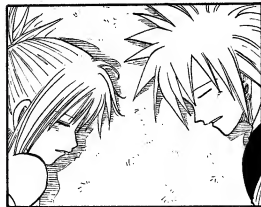
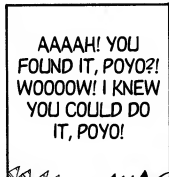
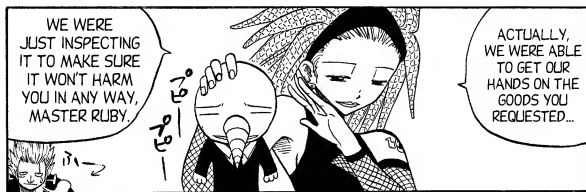
GRRRR...

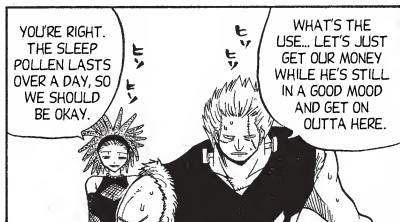
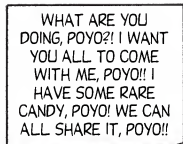
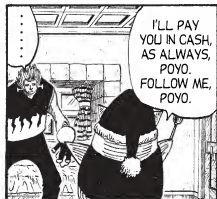
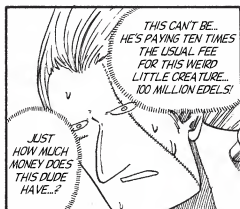


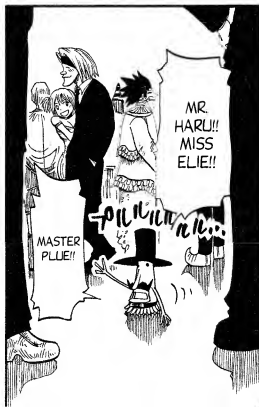
YOU'RE RIGHT... WOLF, TAKE CARE OF 'EM.

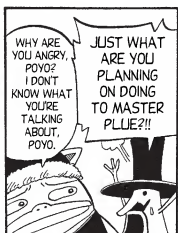
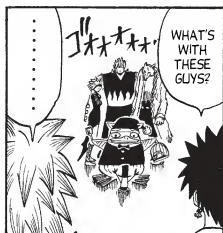
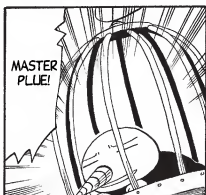
THEN DON'T YOU THINK WE OUGHT TO HURRY UP?













THAT THEM?



UH-HUH...
'TIS THE
DORYU
GHOST
ATTACK
SQUAD.



I HAVEN'T A
CLUE WHAT
YOU ARE
REFERRING
TO, POYO.

GIVE
MASTER
PLUIE
BACK
THIS
INSTANT!



WH-WHAT
THE?!
TALK
ABOUT
BAD
TIMING...



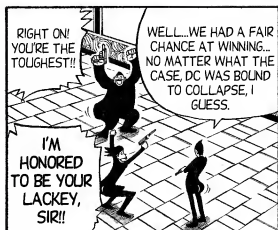
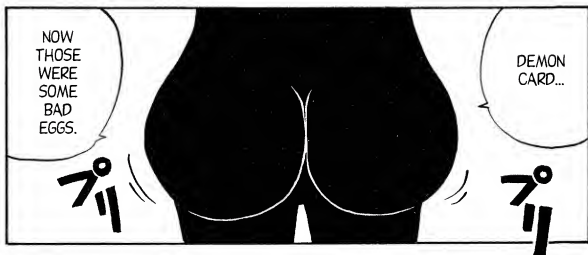
SOME-
BODY,
HELP!



HAND OVER
ALL YOUR
VALUABLES,
AND NOBODY
GETS HURT.





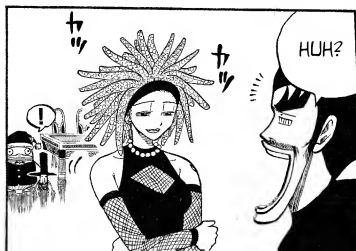
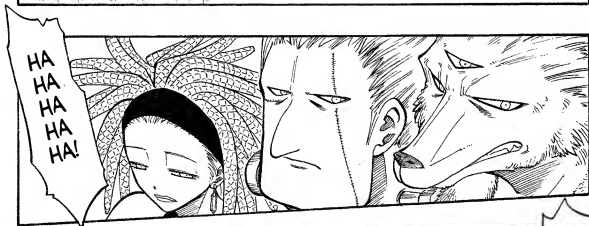
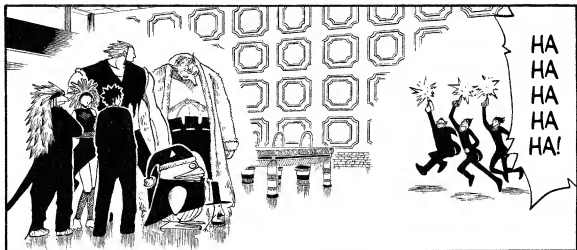


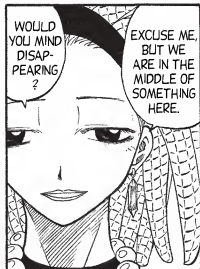


STICK 'EM UP!
WE'RE THE
JIGGLE BUTT
GANG!!

RAVE MASTER

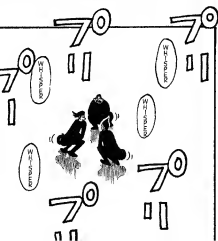
RAVE:77 ⊕ BAD PEOPLE

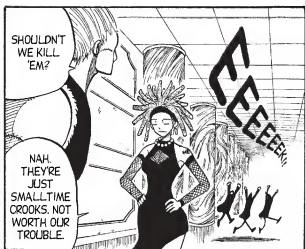




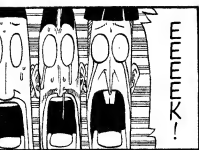
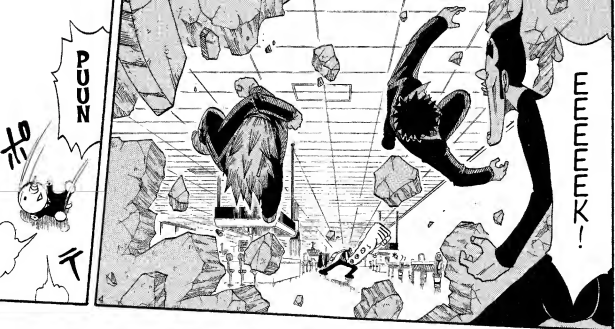


THE PIERCED-EYEBROW GUY!









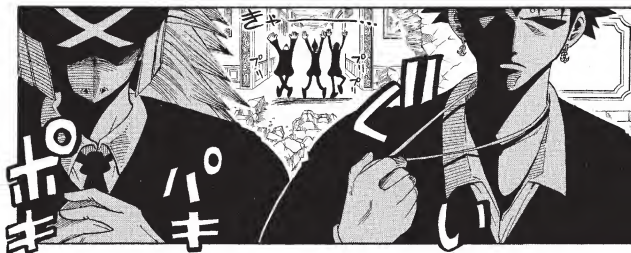


A MON-
STER
?!!

I'VE
BEEN
ITCHING
FOR A
GOOD
FIGHT.

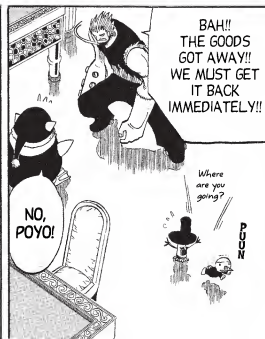


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WE WILL
RETURN
PLUE TO
ITS MASTER,
POYO.

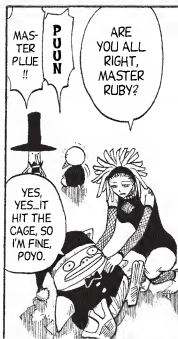
Although I really
really want to
keep it.



BAH!!
THE GOODS
GOT AWAY!!
WE MUST GET
IT BACK
IMMEDIATELY!!

Where
are you
going?

NO,
POYO!



MASTER
PLUE
!!

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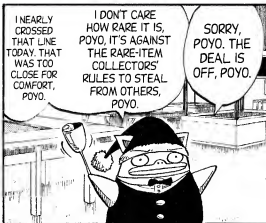
ARE
YOU ALL
RIGHT,
MASTER
RUBY?

YES,
YES...IT
HIT THE
CAGE, SO
I'M FINE,
POYO.



IF WE
GO HOME
EMPTY-
HANDED,
MASTER
DORYU IS
GONNA
KILL US
FOR SURE.

PLEASE,
YOU
HAVE TO
DO SOME-
THING.



I NEARLY
CROSSED
THAT LINE
TODAY. THAT
WAS TOO
CLOSE FOR
COMFORT,
POYO.

I DON'T CARE
HOW RARE IT IS,
POYO. IT'S AGAINST
THE RARE-ITEM
COLLECTORS'
RULES TO STEAL
FROM OTHERS,
POYO.

SORRY,
POYO. THE
DEAL IS
OFF, POYO.

SO...SO
WHAT DOES
THAT MEAN
FOR US?
WH-WHAT
ABOUT THE
MONEY?



BE
SILENT.
I'VE
ALREADY
GIVEN MY
ANSWER,
POYO!!

WE CAN
STILL
CATCH
IT FOR
YOU....

NO
WAY,
POYO.

MASTER
RUBY,
SIR, I'M
BEGGING
YOU--



DON'T
BE SILLY!
MR. DORYU
WOULDN'T
HARM A
FLY, POYO!



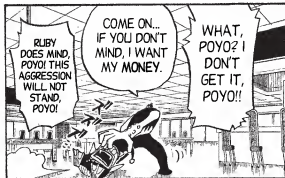
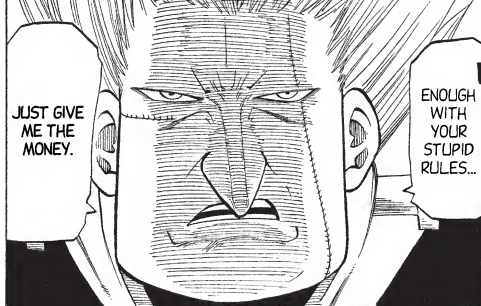
BILLY...YOU'RE
FIRED, POYO.

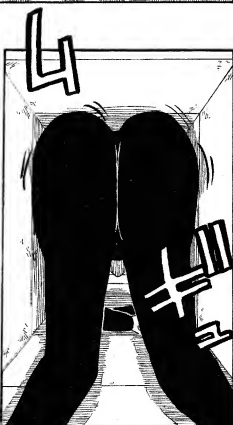
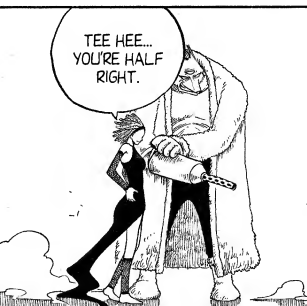
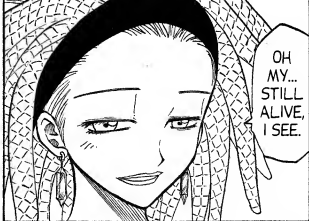
YOU'VE BEEN
BEATING UP THE POOR,
INNOCENT OWNERS OF
THAT THING, POYO. SUCH
VIOLENCE GOES AGAINST
EVERYTHING I STAND
FOR, POYO!



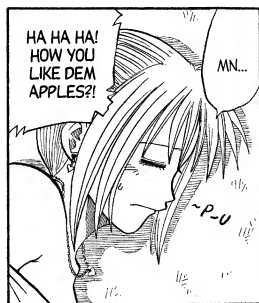
WH-
WHY...
DO...
YOU...
HAVE...
TO...BE...
LIKE...
THAT...

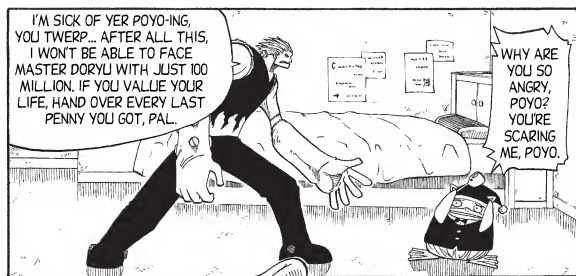
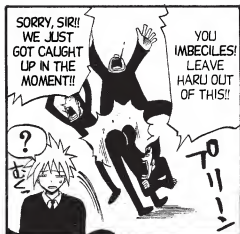
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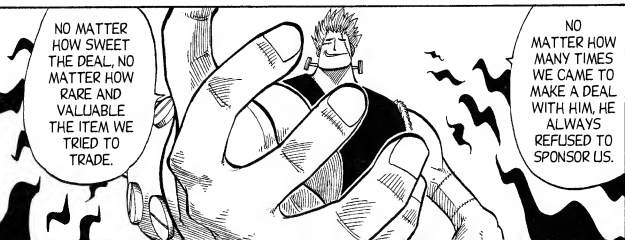






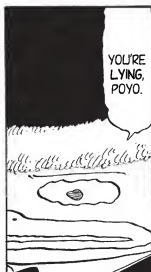






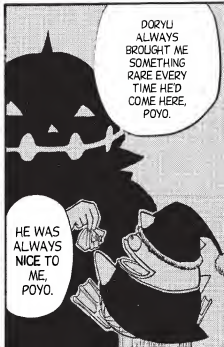
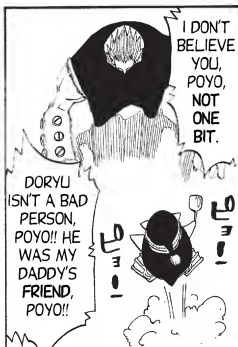
...KILLED
YOUR
FATHER.

THAT'S
WHY
MASTER
DORYU...



WE COULD GET
AS MUCH MONEY
OUT OF YOU AS
WE WANTED...
THIS WAS ALL
MASTER DORYU'S
PLAN.

BUT YOU... YOU WERE
JUST A STUPID LITTLE
SNOT-NOSED BRAT... ONCE
YOU GAINED CONTROL OF
YOUR FATHER'S FORTUNE,
THINGS WOULD BE
SIMPLE.





ALL HE HAD
TO DO WAS JUST
DO WHAT MASTER
DORYU ASKED, BUT
HE JUST WOULDN'T
LISTEN TO REASON...
AND HIS STUPIDITY
COST HIM HIS LIFE.



AT LEAST
PAWL WAS
SMART ENOUGH
TO REALIZE.
WELL...IT ENDED
UP GETTING HIM
KILLED!!

HA HA HA!
PATHETIC!! YOU
STILL DON'T GET
IT, DO YOU?
MASTER DORYU
ISN'T WHAT YOU
THINK HE IS.



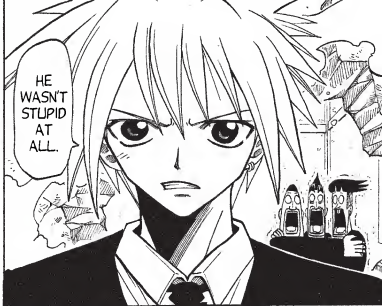
HE
WASN'T
STUPID,
POYO!!!

MY
DADDY
WASN'T
STUPID!!



NO, HE
WASN'T
...

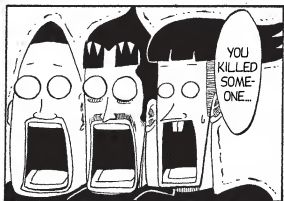




**RAVE
MASTER**



RAVE:78  **THE COMING OF THE "STORM"**



I CAN'T
STAND
PEOPLE
LIKE YOU...

YOU'RE
SCUM.

WHO ARE YOU,
POYO? WERE
YOU LISTENING
THE WHOLE
TIME, POYO?

BUT YOU
REALLY SHOULDN'T
STICK YOUR NOSE
INTO OTHER PEOPLES'
PROBLEMS. YOU
COULD GET HURT--
BELIEVE ME, I
SHOULD KNOW!!

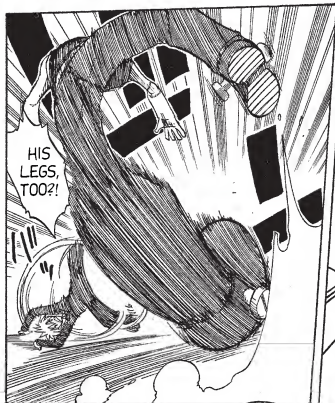
OKAY
?!

WAIT!!
HARU!! I
KNOW HOW
YOU FEEL!!
BUT LET'S
BE SENSIBLE!

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HUH?

WHO
ARE YOU
PEOPLE?







YOU'RE
HALF
RIGHT,
THERE.



PRETTY QUICK
ON YOUR FEET,
KID...

WHAT'S
YOUR
STORY?
YOU USIN'
DARK
BRING OR
WHAT?!

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YOU
TWO AREN'T
REGULAR
CUSTOMERS,
I TAKE IT.

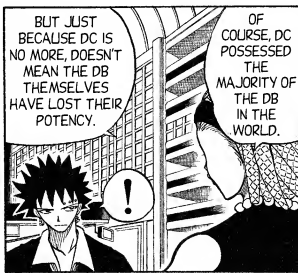
HOLD ON...
MUSICA, I THINK
WE SHOULD
FIND OUT
WHERE THEY
ARE GETTING
THIS POWER
FROM.

HALF
RIGHT? I'VE
HAD JUST
ABOUT
ENOUGH
OF YOUR
GAMES...



THERE
ARE STILL
PLENTY
OF DB
LEFT IN
THE
WORLD...

...WITH
MORE
APPEARING
EVERY
DAY.

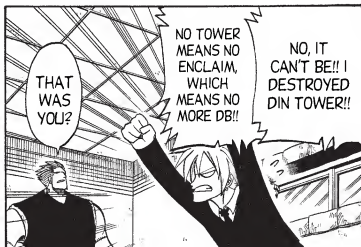
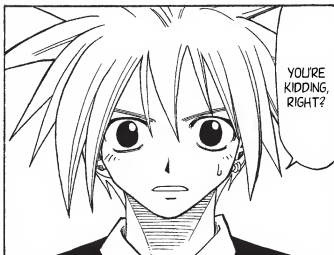


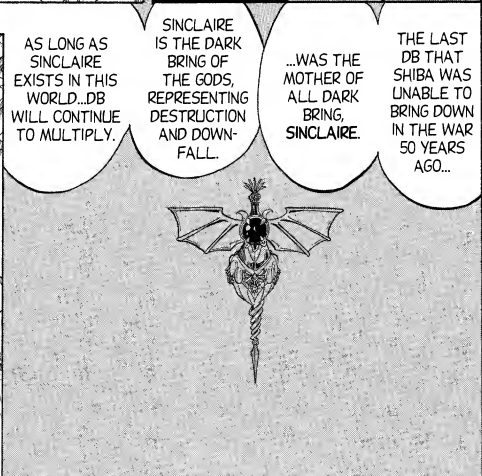
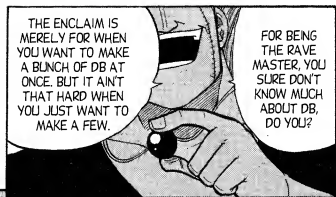
BUT JUST
BECAUSE DC IS
NO MORE, DOESN'T
MEAN THE DB
THEMSELVES
HAVE LOST THEIR
POTENCY.

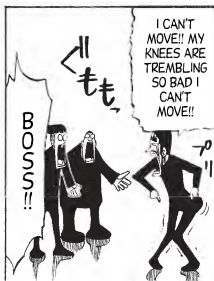
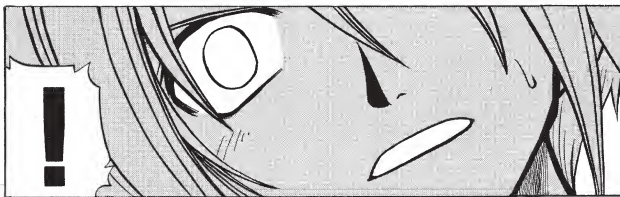
OF
COURSE, DC
POSSESSED
THE
MAJORITY OF
THE DB
IN THE
WORLD.



I THOUGHT
THE DB WOULD
HAVE LOST THEIR
EFFICACY WITH
THE DOWNFALL
OF DEMON CARD...

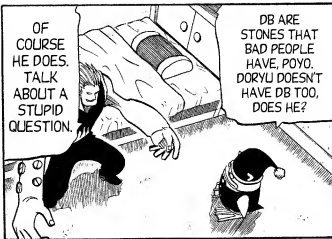








SO I-H'VE
BEEN GIVING
MONEY TO
BAD PEOPLE
THIS WHOLE
TIME, POYO...



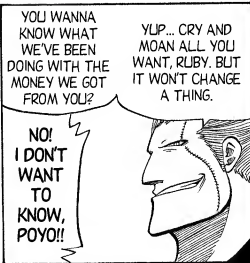
OF
COURSE
HE DOES.
TALK
ABOUT A
STUPID
QUESTION.

DB ARE
STONES THAT
BAD PEOPLE
HAVE, POYO.
DORYU DOESN'T
HAVE DB TOO,
DOES HE?



...SO WE CAN
STAND AT
THE TOP OF
THE UNDER-
WORLD!

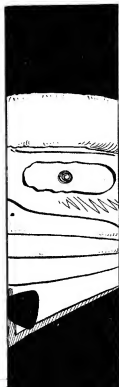
WE USED EVERY
LAST CENT TO
MAKE THE DORYU
GHOST ATTACK
SQUAD BIGGER
AND STRONGER...



YOU WANNA
KNOW WHAT
WE'VE BEEN
DOING WITH THE
MONEY WE GOT
FROM YOU?

YLP... CRY AND
MOAN ALL YOU
WANT, RUBY. BUT
IT WON'T CHANGE
A THING.

NO!
I DON'T
WANT
TO
KNOW,
POYO!!



BUT
DON'T YOU
WORRY.
WE PUT
YOUR
MONEY TO GOOD
USE.

"THEY WILL
JUST TAKE
THE MONEY
AND DO MORE
BAD THINGS."

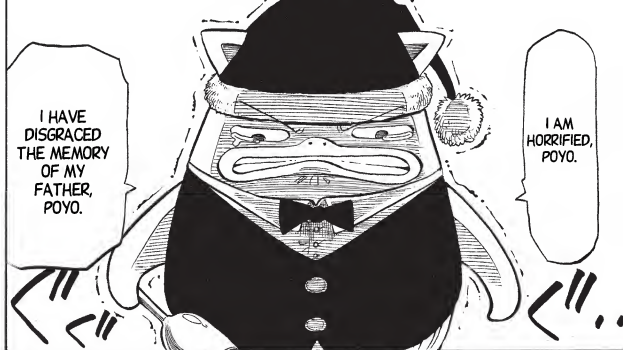


"RUBY, MY
SON... YOU MUST
NEVER GIVE MONEY
TO PEOPLE WHO
ARE BAD."



COME ON,
YOU CAN'T BE
THAT THICK-
SKULLED...
NOBODY NEEDS
THAT MUCH
MONEY JUST
TO TRAVEL,
MAN.

SO YOU
WEREN'T
USING THE
MONEY TO
SEARCH
FOR MORE
RARITIES,
POYO?



I HAVE
DISGRACED
THE MEMORY
OF MY
FATHER,
POYO.

I AM
HORRIFIED,
POYO.



YOU SHOULD
FEEL HORRIFIED.
THEY'VE BEEN
DECEIVING YOU
THIS WHOLE
TIME.



YOUR
NAME'S
RUBY,
RIGHT?



P-POOR...
POOR
LITTLE
PENGUIN
...



YOU...



HE
WOULD
HAVE
FELT THE
SAME
WAY.

I'M
SURE YOUR
FATHER
WOULD
UNDER-
STAND...



BUT I'M SURE
YOUR FATHER
WOULDN'T BE
MAD AT YOU.

IT'S NOT
YOUR FAULT.
YOU HAD NO
IDEA WHAT
THEY WERE
USING THE
MONEY FOR,
RIGHT?

HUH?



I CAN'T
FORGIVE
YOU FOR
THAT.



TAKING
ADVANTAGE
OF THIS
GOOD-
HEARTED
GUY...

THAT'S
PRETTY
DIRTY,
WOULDN'T
YOU SAY?



WE'RE
REALLY
GONNA
BE IN A
HEAP OF
TROUBLE,
SIR.

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HOW
LONG YOU
PLAN ON
STANDING
THERE
SHAKING,
BOSS?



BRINGING
DOWN THE
GUYS WHO
BROUGHT DC
DOWN WILL
DO WONDERS
FOR OUR
REPUTATION.

YOU
WANT TO
FIGHT,
KID?
SOUNDS
GOOD TO
ME.



WHAT
A FINE
YOUNG
GENTLE-
MAN HE
IS...

BUT HE'S
JUST TOO
KIND, THAT
HARU KID...

UH-UH...
I KNOW I
SHOULDN'T
CRY... WE'RE
BAD GUYS
AND ALL...



WHY
YOU
CRYING,
BOSS?!

W
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H!

AS A TRUE
BAD MAN, I
VOW TO HELP
HARU AND
THE PENGUIN
GET OUT OF
HERE ALIVE.

IF WE
DON'T DO
SOMETHING,
THAT BIG
MONSTER IS
GONNA
KILL HARU.

I
SAY
NAY
!!!

ARE WE
JUST GOING
TO TURN
OUR BACKS
ON SUCH A
FINE YOUNG
MAN LIKE
THIS?!

WHOOOAH!
RIGHT ON!!

TRUE BAD
GUYS
NEVER
FORSAKE
THEIR
FRIENDS!!

THIS
IS SO
TOUCHING
!!

HUUUUH?!
SURELY YOU
DON'T MEAN--?

WE SHALL
BREAK THE
RULES AND
USE THE
SPECIAL
TECHNIQUE.

HMM...

BUT...HOW
ARE WE
SUPPOSED
TO RESCUE
THEM, SIR?

HERE'S
THE PLAN!
FIRST WE
CHARGE
UP OUR KI.

ROGER!

BASICALLY
YOUR
HANDS AND
FEET GET
HUGE,
RIGHT?

WITNESS
THE
POWER
OF MY
DB,
GIANT!!



HI-YA!



SHOW
ME
WHAT
YOU'RE
MADE
OF.

I
WOULDN'T
HAVE IT
ANY
OTHER
WAY.



FINE...
NO
MORE
HOLD-
ING
BACK.

HEH...
YOU AIN'T
DOIN' TOO
SHABBY,
CONSIDER-
ING YOU
DONT
HAVE
YOUR
SWORD.



THIS
GUY'S
AMAZING,
POYO!!

HE'S
REALLY
TAKING ON
THAT
BULLY
BILLY,
POYO!!

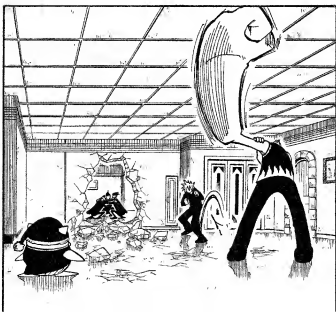


LET 'EM
HAVE IT!!
SECRET
ART OF
THE
JIGGLE
BUTT!!



ALL RIGHT!
CHARGING
COMPLETE!

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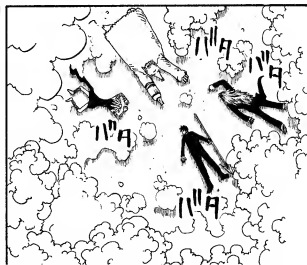
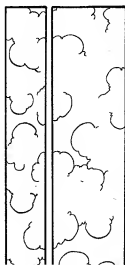
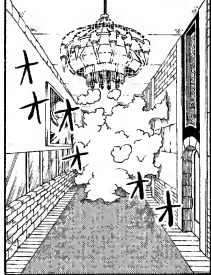
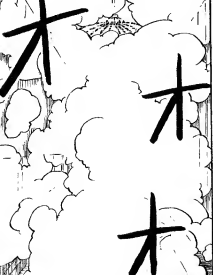
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TRIPLE
ECSTASY!!

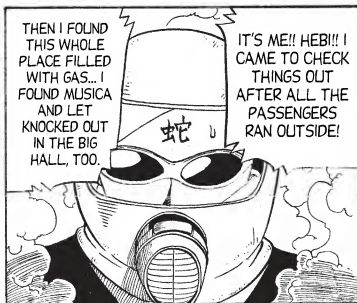
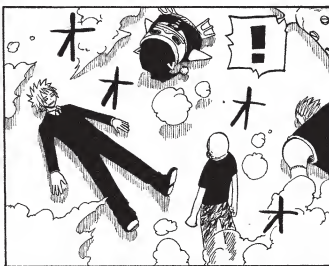
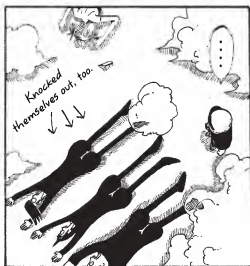
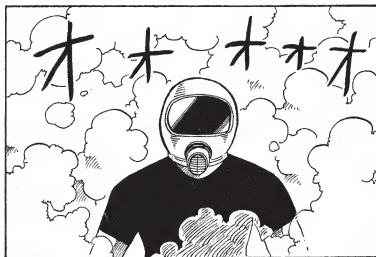
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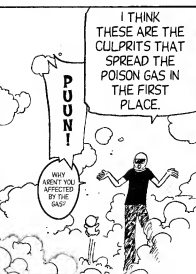
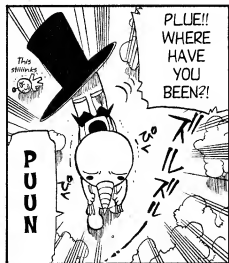
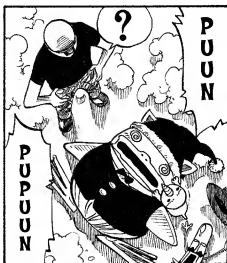
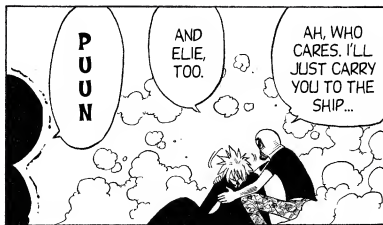
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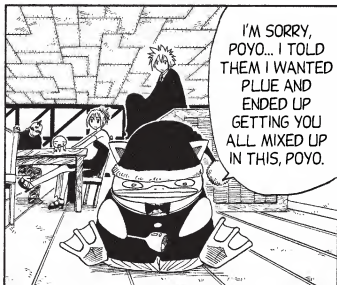
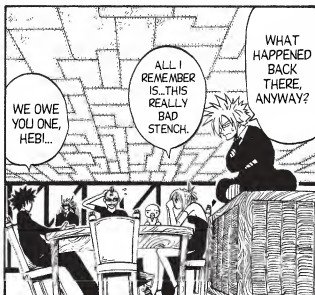
AW,
GROSS!!

OH, GOD,
POYO!
WHAT'S
THIS
SMELL,
POYO?!











THANKS...
YOU'RE ALL
SUCH GOOD
PEOPLE,
POYO...



YOU
HAVE
MY
WORD.

EVERYONE
HERE IN THIS
ROOM, WE'LL
NEVER TRICK
OR DECEIVE
YOU.



YEAH!! I
THINK IT'S
CUTE HOW
HE SAYS
"POYO"
ALL THE
TIME!!

COME ON, YOU
GUYS!! SINCE
WHEN HAVE
YOU BEEN SO
COLDHEARTED
?!



WELL, I PROMISE
NOT TO LIE. NOW
I CAN HONESTLY
SAY I WANT THAT
TWERP OFF MY
SHIP. NOW.

MM-
HMM.



WHAT?



WHAT?
DID I HEAR
YOU SAY
YOU NEED
MONEY,
POYO?

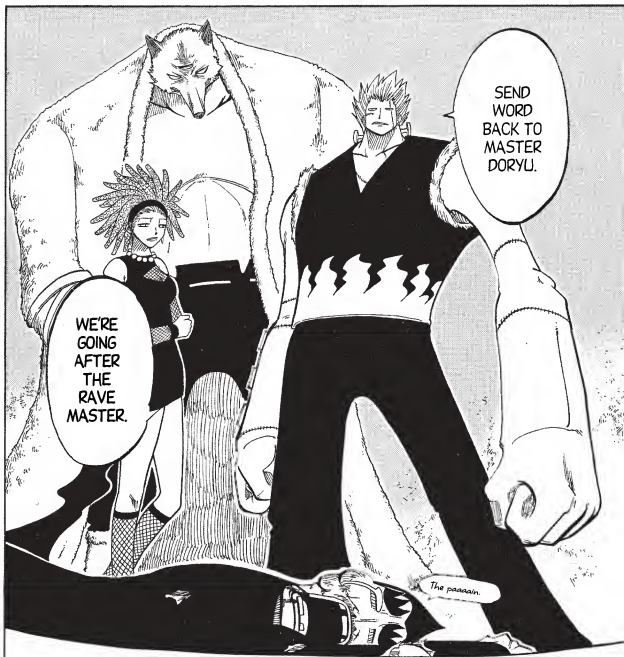
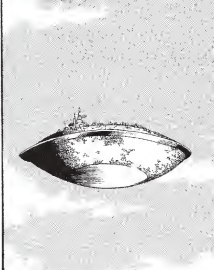
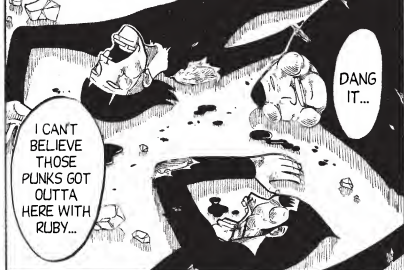


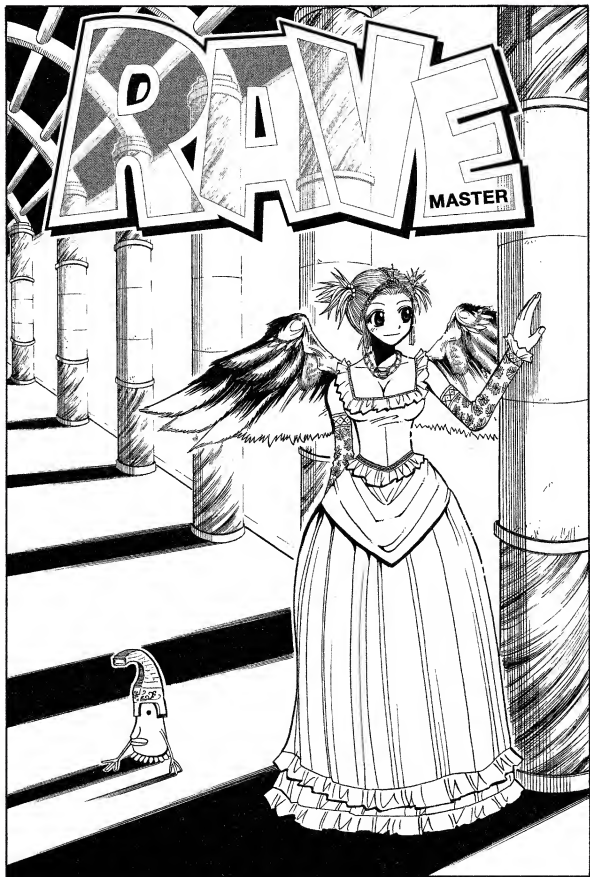
LET ME SPELL
IT OUT FOR YOU
ANOTHER WAY-- WE
ARE SERIOUSLY
LOW ON FUNDS
RIGHT NOW.

YEAH?
WELL, DO
YOU THINK
IT'S CUTE
THE WAY HE
TRIED TO
KIDNAP
PLUE?

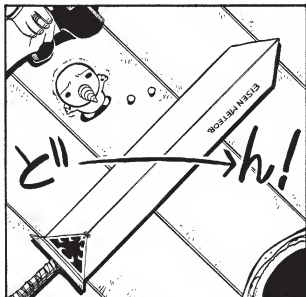
WE CAN'T
AFFORD TO
GIVE ANY-
ONE ELSE
A FREE
RIDE.

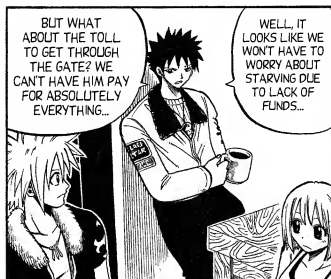
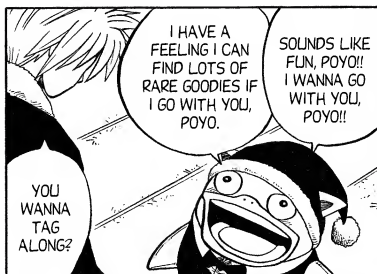
COME
ON...

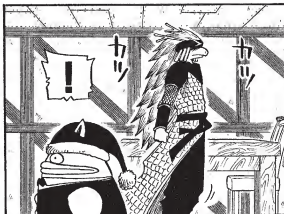
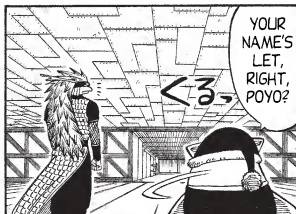
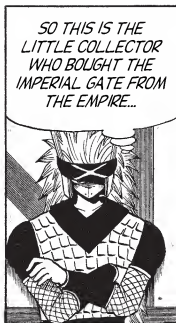




RAVE:79 ⊕ **BUSTING THROUGH!!**







SIX MONTHS
HAVE GONE BY
AND THE PEOPLE
STILL CELE-
BRATE THEIR
NEWFOUND
PEACE...



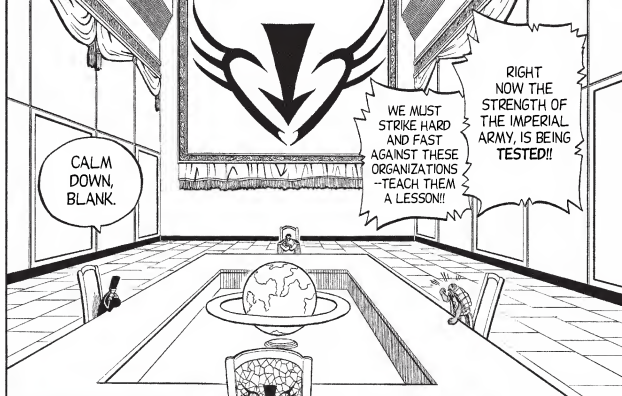
...BUT THIS
PEACE IS
ONLY SKIN
DEEP! WHO IS
WATCHING
TO SEE THAT
WE DON'T
DESCEND
BACK INTO
CHAOS?!

OPERATIONS ROOM

WITH EACH
PASSING DAY,
THE POWER
STRUGGLE
AMONG THE
UNDERWORLD
FACTIONS
GROWS
FIERCER!!

Imperial Headquarters

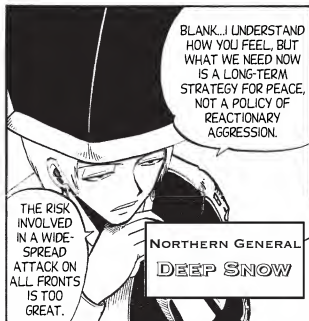




CALM
DOWN,
BLANK.

WE MUST
STRIKE HARD
AND FAST
AGAINST THESE
ORGANIZATIONS
--TEACH THEM
A LESSON!!

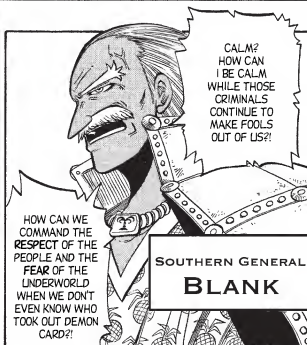
RIGHT
NOW THE
STRENGTH OF
THE IMPERIAL
ARMY, IS BEING
TESTED!!



BLANK... I UNDERSTAND
HOW YOU FEEL, BUT
WHAT WE NEED NOW
IS A LONG-TERM
STRATEGY FOR PEACE,
NOT A POLICY OF
REACTIONARY
AGGRESSION.

THE RISK
INVOLVED
IN A WIDE-
SPREAD
ATTACK ON
ALL FRONTS
IS TOO
GREAT.

NORTHERN GENERAL
DEEP SNOW



CALM?
HOW CAN
I BE CALM
WHILE THOSE
CRIMINALS
CONTINUE TO
MAKE FOOLS
OUT OF US?!

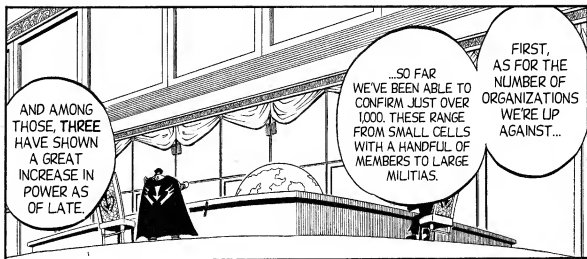
HOW CAN WE
COMMAND THE
RESPECT OF THE
PEOPLE AND THE
FEAR OF THE
UNDERWORLD
WHEN WE DON'T
EVEN KNOW WHO
TOOK OUT DEMON
CARD?!

SOUTHERN GENERAL
BLANK



EASTERN GENERAL
WADA

DEEP SNOW
IS RIGHT... LET
ME EXPLAIN THE
CURRENT
SITUATION.



AND AMONG THOSE, THREE HAVE SHOWN A GREAT INCREASE IN POWER AS OF LATE.

...SO FAR WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO CONFIRM JUST OVER 1,000. THESE RANGE FROM SMALL CELLS WITH A HANDFUL OF MEMBERS TO LARGE MILITIAS.

FIRST, AS FOR THE NUMBER OF ORGANIZATIONS WE'RE UP AGAINST...



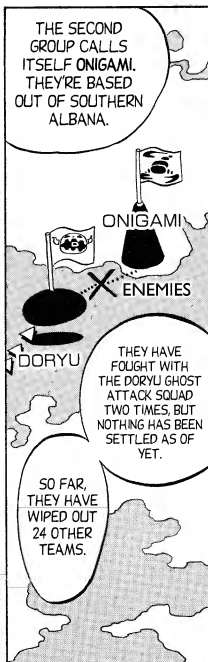
THE THIRD GROUP IS CALLED THE BLUE GUARDIANS, PIRATES OF THE SKIES. NO ONE KNOWS THE WHEREABOUTS OF THEIR HQ—THEY USUALLY TRAVEL BY SHIP, AND THEY ARE THE MOST UNRULY OF THE BUNCH.

AS THEIR REPUTATION WOULD SUGGEST, THEY ARE RUTHLESS, PLUNDERING AND PILLAGING WHEREVER THEY GO.



BLUE GUARDIANS

THEY HAVE WIPED OUT 136 OTHER TEAMS AND ARE CURRENTLY THE MOST DANGEROUS OF THE BUNCH.



THE SECOND GROUP CALLS ITSELF ONIGAMI. THEY'RE BASED OUT OF SOUTHERN ALBANA.



ONIGAMI

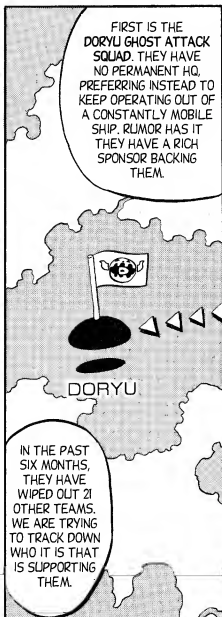
ENEMIES



DORYU

THEY HAVE FOUGHT WITH THE DORYU GHOST ATTACK SQUAD TWO TIMES, BUT NOTHING HAS BEEN SETTLED AS OF YET.

SO FAR, THEY HAVE WIPED OUT 24 OTHER TEAMS.

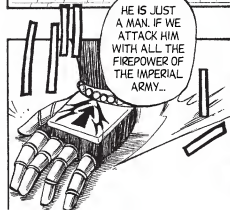
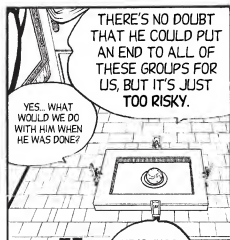
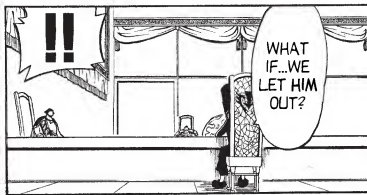
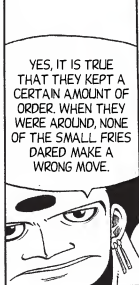


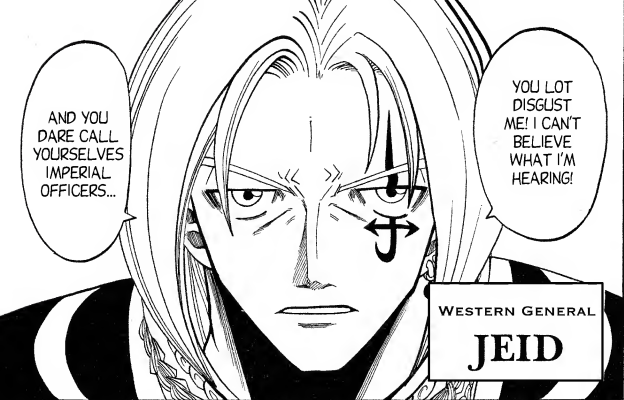
FIRST IS THE DORYU GHOST ATTACK SQUAD. THEY HAVE NO PERMANENT HQ, PREFERRING INSTEAD TO KEEP OPERATING OUT OF A CONSTANTLY MOBILE SHIP. RUMOR HAS IT THEY HAVE A RICH SPONSOR BACKING THEM.



DORYU

IN THE PAST SIX MONTHS, THEY HAVE WIPED OUT 21 OTHER TEAMS. WE ARE TRYING TO TRACK DOWN WHO IT IS THAT IS SUPPORTING THEM.



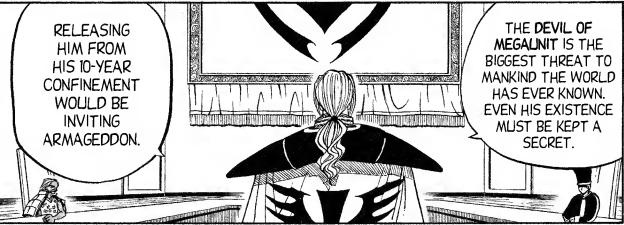


AND YOU
DARE CALL
YOURSELVES
IMPERIAL
OFFICERS...

YOU LOT
DISGUST
ME! I CAN'T
BELIEVE
WHAT I'M
HEARING!

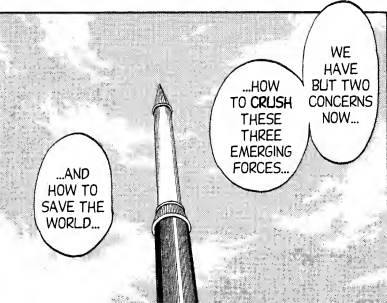
WESTERN GENERAL

JEID



RELEASING
HIM FROM
HIS 10-YEAR
CONFINEMENT
WOULD BE
INVITING
ARMAGEDDON.

THE DEVIL OF
MEGALNIT IS THE
BIGGEST THREAT TO
MANKIND THE WORLD
HAS EVER KNOWN.
EVEN HIS EXISTENCE
MUST BE KEPT A
SECRET.



...AND
HOW TO
SAVE THE
WORLD...

...HOW
TO CRUSH
THESE
THREE
EMERGING
FORCES...

WE
HAVE
BUT TWO
CONCERNS
NOW...



NO
MATTER
WHAT.
NEVER
FORGET
THAT.

NO
MATTER
WHAT,
THAT
DEVIL IS
NOT
TO BE
UNLEASHED
ON THE
WORLD.

Desert
Prison
a.k.a.
MEGAUNIT

MEGAUNIT

WHAT
COULD
HAVE
DONE
THIS?

THIS WAS THE
MOST SECURE
FACILITY ON THE
PLANET. I CAN'T
BELIEVE MY
EYES.

LOOK
AT THE
DESTRUCTION...

CAN YOU
TELL ME
MORE?

DEVIL?

H-
HELP
ME...
HE'S
GONNA
GET ME...

GASP
I DON'T
WANNA
DIE...
I DON'T
WANNA
DIE...

THE
DEVIL...
HE'S
GONNA
GET ME...

WHAT
HAP-
PENED
HERE?

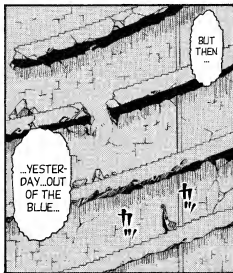


TELL
ME
ALL.



THE
BLOND-
HAIRD
DEVIL...

...
OF 66
FLOORS
DEEP.

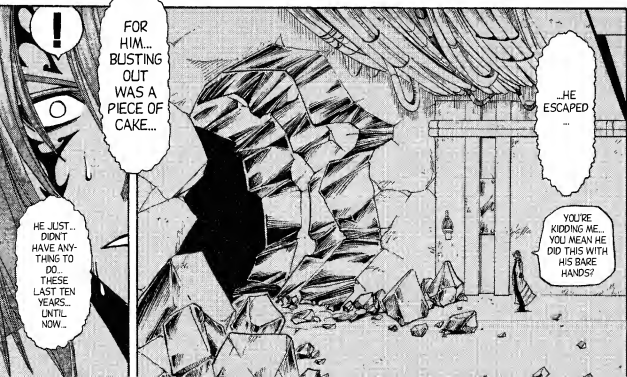


BUT
THEN
...

...YESTER-
DAY...OUT
OF THE
BLUE...



MEGALNIT'S
GUARDS...
TEN YEARS...
WITHOUT A
HITCH...
EVERYTHING
WAS...
PERFECT...



FOR
HIM...
BUSTING
OUT
WAS A
PIECE OF
CAKE...

HE JUST...
DIDN'T
HAVE ANY-
THING TO
DO...
THESE
LAST TEN
YEARS...
UNTIL
NOW...

...HE
ESCAPED
...

YOU'RE
KIDDING ME...
YOU MEAN HE
DID THIS WITH
HIS BARE
HANDS?

I WANT TO SUCCEED MY FATHER

EVERYONE...
EVERYONE...
WAS
KILLED...

2006.2.9
DIE



RAGNAROK

I WANT TO KNOW
WHAT IT FEELS LIKE
TO KILL A MAN!!

SIN

CONQUEST

AND NOW...
THE
WHOLE
WORLD...
WILL
DIE...

...AT
HIS
HANDS

PRAYER

WAR

DEATH

SHADOW

ONDA





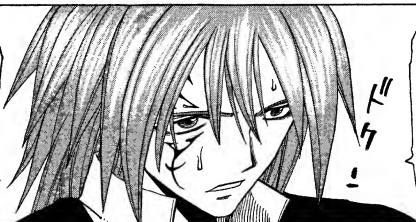
"...ON...TO...
SYMPHONIA..."

THIS IS
WHAT HE
SAID...



SYM-
PHONIA,
HUH?

THE
DEVIL
FROM
B66.



I GOTTA
BRING
IN THE
LAUNDRY.

FIGURES...
AND THEY SAID
IT WAS
GONNA BE
SUNNY
TODAY.



AH!

IT'S
RAINING.



Four
Days
Later

Silver
Knights.
the ship
of Haru
and
company





WE
MADE
IT.



HUH? YOU
OWN THE
IMPERIAL
GATE, AND
YET YOU HAVE
NEVER BEEN
THROUGH IT
BEFORE?

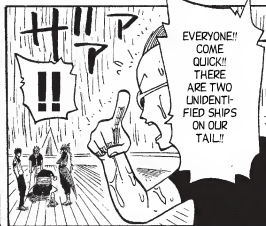
NOPE,
POYO.

THIS IS SO
EXCITING,
POYO!

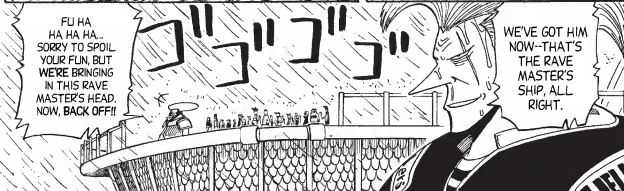
SYMPHONIA,
HERE WE
COME...



LOOKS
LIKE WE'RE
NEARING
THE DEATH
STORM.



EVERYONE!!
COME
QUICK!!
THERE
ARE TWO
UNIDENTIFIED
SHIPS
ON OUR
TAIL!!



FU HA
HA HA HA...
SORRY TO SPOIL
YOUR FUN, BUT
WE'RE BRINGING
IN THIS RAVE
MASTER'S HEAD.
NOW, BACK OFF!!

WE'VE GOT HIM
NOW-THAT'S
THE RAVE
MASTER'S
SHIP, ALL
RIGHT.



THAT
WOULD
SEEM
TO BE
THE
CASE.

THEY'RE
NOT GONNA
ATTACK
US, ARE
THEY?

WHY
THEY
GOTTA
COME
AFTER
ME?

I KNOW
THEM... THE
HELL KILLERS
SKY PIRATES
AND THE
DRUID GANG!!



FU HA HA HA!! THAT'S
SOME PRETTY BIG
TALK THERE, MONKEY-
BRAINS!! WHY DON'T I
JUST SHOW YOU
MY DB!



THINK AGAIN,
BUDDY... THIS IS
THE PERFECT
CHANCE TO MAKE
A NAME FOR
OURSELVES! YOU
GET IN THE WAY,
WE'LL KILL
YOU, TOO.



...THE
MIGHT
OF
DORYU,
POYO.



CHECK
OUT THE
SIZE OF
THAT
SHIP,
MAN!!

IT'S
THE
DORYU
GHOST
ATTACK
SQUAD!!



AND
THEY'VE
GOT RUBY
WITH THEM
TOO.

SO WE
MEET
AGAIN,
RAVE
MASTER.



WE
HAVE NO
CHOICE
BUT TO
FIGHT.



WHAT
DO WE
DO
ABOUT
THEM?

WE'RE
GETTING
CLOSE TO THE
EMPIRE GATE!!
THIS STORM'S
GETTING
PRETTY
ROUGH!!



UGH!

UWAH

AS FOR ME,
I HAVE BEEN
WAITING
FOR THIS
MOMENT...
WAITING TO
FACE OFF
AGAINST A
WORTHY
OPPONENT.

MY ADVICE
WAS AIMED AT
YOU AND YOUR
FRIENDS.

WE CAN'T
FIGHT IN THESE
CONDITIONS!! AND
WEREN'T YOU
THE ONE SAYIN'
"DON'T GET
INVOLVED"?



DORYU'S
REALLY ANGRY,
POYO... HE'S
ANGRY
BECAUSE
I BETRAYED
HIM, POYO.

WHY,
YOU...
MUSICA,
CALM
DOWN!

YOU
TOO,
LET!
PLEASE
THINK
THIS
OVER!!

YOU GO AGAINST
THEM NOW AND
YOU'RE GONNA GET
US ALL KILLED!!

SO?

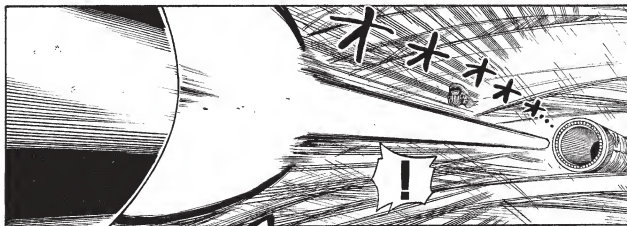
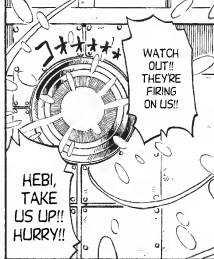
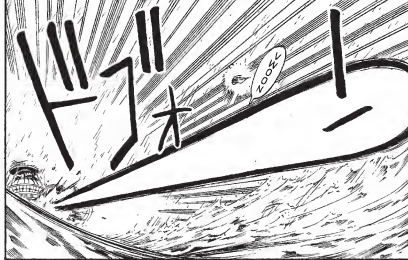
I'M
TIRED OF
LOOKING
AT THEM.

I WANT
THEM
ERASED.

FIRE
THE
MAIN
CANNON.

YES, SIR,
MASTER
DORYU!!

YES--BUT,
SIR--NO
WARNING
SHOT?





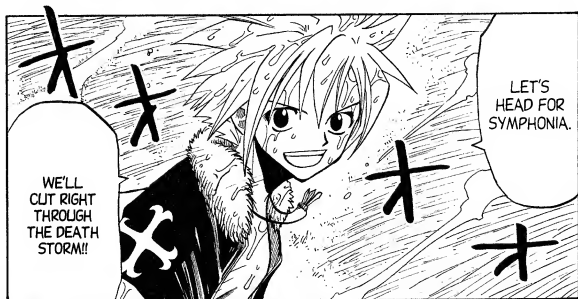
THAT'S WHY WE SHOULD FIGHT.

TURN AROUND? INTO THE GUNS OF DORYU'S SHIP?



DAMMIT!! NOW WE'LL NEVER GET TO SYMPHONIA!!

MAYBE WE COULD TURN AROUND AND FIND ANOTHER WAY IN!!



WE'LL CUT RIGHT THROUGH THE DEATH STORM!!

LET'S HEAD FOR SYMPHONIA.



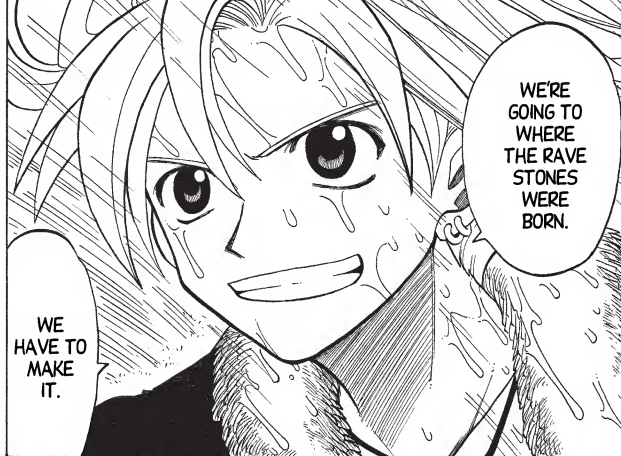
SURE WE CAN.



ARE YOU CRAZY?! THAT'S SUICIDE!! I'D RATHER DIE FIGHTING THAN GO OUT LIKE THAT!!

THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN MAKE IT THROUGH THIS STORM!



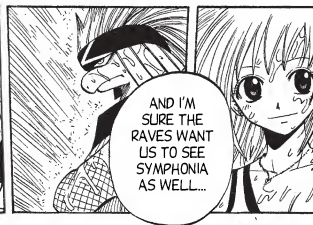


WE
HAVE TO
MAKE
IT.

WE'RE
GOING TO
WHERE
THE RAVE
STONES
WERE
BORN.



I KNOW
THEY'LL
PROTECT
US.



AND I'M
SURE THE
RAVES WANT
US TO SEE
SYMPHONIA
AS WELL...



WE'RE
BUSTING
THROUGH
THE
DEATH
STORM!!

LET'S
DO
THIS!!

TO BE CONTINUED

Character Profiles



FIRST GENERATION RAVE MASTER: KENSEI SWORD SAINT SHIBA

- ① RAVE AND SWORD (TEN COMMANDMENTS) ⑦ HOMETOWN (GARAGE ISLAND)
- ② 11/18/9992 / 23YR ⑧ FOUR KNIGHTS OF THE BLUE SKY
- ③ 173CM / 61KG / AB
- ④ GARAGE ISLAND
- ⑤ PRACTICING SWORDSMANSHIP
- ⑥ CAN CRY ANYPLACE, ANYTIME



MASTER OF ETHERION: RESHA VALENTINE, THE DANCER

- ① NONE ⑦ FREEDOM
- ② 1/1/0000 / 15YR ⑧ WAR
- ③ 159CM / 45KG / O
- ④ KINGDOM OF SYMPHONIA
- ⑤ DANCING
- ⑥ DANCING, WIELDING POWER OF ETHERION



THE BEST BLACKSMITH ON SONG: GALEIN MUSICA

- ① HAMMER ⑦ SWORDS AND HAMMERS
- ② 10/4/9998 / 17YR ⑧ WEIRD APPRENTICES
- ③ 178CM / 65KG / B
- ④ PLUNK STREET
- ⑤ BOOZE AND WOMEN
- ⑥ NOBODY ON THE CONTINENT CAN MAKE A BETTER SWORD



ORIGINAL OWNER OF CAFE TSUBOMI: BOTON

- ① SWORD ⑦ SHIBA, YURI
- ② 8/22/9992 / 23YR ⑧ THE CURRENT GENERATION (OOIE)
- ③ 177CM / 72KG / A
- ④ GARAGE ISLAND
- ⑤ PRACTICING SWORDSMANSHIP
- ⑥ MAKING COFFEE



OWNER OF EDEL LAKE, THE FLYING CASINO: RUBY

- ① BELL? IT'S A MYSTERY ⑦ ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING RARE, LATELY BLUE
- ② 4/1/0007 / 10YR ⑧ DORYU GHOST ATTACK SQUAD
- ③ 75CM / 30KG / ?
- ④ UNKNOWN
- ⑤ COLLECTING RARE ITEMS
- ⑥ APPRAISING VALLIABLE ITEMS

KEY



- ① WEAPON ② BIRTHDAY/AGE ③ HEIGHT / WEIGHT BLOOD TYPE ④ BIRTHPLACE
- ⑤ HOBBIES ⑥ SPECIAL ABILITY ⑦ LIKES ⑧ HATES

ABOUT THE CHARACTERS

THERE WERE LOTS OF NEW FACES THIS TIME AROUND, BUT THE ONLY ONE FROM THIS ISSUE I'M GOING TO INTRODUCE HERE IS RUBY!! I AIN'T LETTING THE CAT OUT OF THE BAG ABOUT THE REST OF THEM JUST YET! BUT BEFORE WE GET TO HIM, LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT SOME OF THE OLD-TIMERS.

FIRST UP, SHIBA. OVER THE COURSE OF THE STORY, HE TURNS OUT TO BE QUITE THE COOL DUDE. YOU KNOW, I REALLY WANTED TO MAKE HIM INTO MORE OF A SISSY, CRYING LIKE "MMGAWW" ALL THE TIME, BUT YOU KNOW... GUESS THAT JUST WOULDN'T DO, THOUGH, HUH? (HA HA) I TRIED MY BEST TO DRAW RESHA AS CUTE AS POSSIBLE. YOU LIKE? I TOOK SPECIAL CARE WITH HER. SHE IS THE PERSON RAVE WAS NAMED FOR, AFTER ALL. I GET ASKED A LOT "HOW ARE ELIE AND RESHA RELATED?" C'MON--CUT ME SOME SLACK! I CAN'T GIVE THAT AWAY! (HA HA) NOT MUCH ABOUT GALEIN MUSICA CAME OUT IN THE STORY, BUT THE SWORD OF THE WORLD HE WAS TALKING ABOUT TURNS OUT TO BE THE TEN POWERS. HIS APPRENTICE IS CREEPY.

BOTON IS GENMA'S OLD MAN. I TRIED MAKING HIM HAVE THE EXACT OPPOSITE PERSONALITY AS GENMA. INCIDENTALLY, "BOTON" MEANS "TSUBOMI" ("BUD" - NAME OF HIS CAFE) IN SOME LANGUAGE SOMEWHERE IN THE WORLD.

AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST, OUR NEWBIE, RUBY. WHY IN THE WORLD IS THIS GUY WITH HARU AND THEM, ANYWAY? (HA HA) I GUESS SINCE THIS WAS A NEW STORY ARC AND ALL, I WANTED TO BOOST UP THE NUMBER OF WEIRD CHARACTERS, LIKE PLUE AND GRIFF, SO I MADE UP RUBY AND KIND OF FORCED HIM ON HARU AND THE GANG. "WHAT'S 'POYO', ANYWAY?" I GET THAT A LOT... I'M NOT REALLY SURE, MYSELF. (HA HA) GUESS IT'S LIKE THE SOUND OF BOUNCING...POYO, POYO.

"AFTERWORDS"

THIS IS VOLUME 10. I'VE MET MY GOAL (SEE THE AFTERWORD IN VOLUME 2). THANK YOU--THANK YOU VERY MUCH! NO, THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU, TOO, OVER THERE IN THE CORNER. I COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT ALL OF YOUR WARM SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT. FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART, THANKS A MILLION! I PRAY FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT, POYO!!

ALL RIGHT. I GUESS I SHOULD PROBABLY WRITE ABOUT THE KNIGHTS OF KINGDOM A BIT. WITH THE FIRST AND SECOND HALF, THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME I HAD WRITTEN A COMPLETE "SHORT STORY." IT WAS A LOT TOUGHER THAN I IMAGINED. THIS PIECE STARTED AS SOME VAGUE IDEAS I'VE HAD SINCE RAVE MASTER STARTED, SOMETHING I THOUGHT ALL ALONG I'D LIKE TO DO AS A SORT OF SPINOFF. SO HERE YOU HAVE IT, FOLKS. I'M VERY SATISFIED WITH IT AND I HOPE YOU ARE, TOO.

ACTUALLY, I WISH I COULD HAVE HAD SOME MORE PAGES TO WORK WITH. THERE WERE SEVERAL SCENES I HAD TO CUT OUT, AS PAINFUL AS IT WAS. STUFF LIKE SHIBA WORKING ON HIS SWORDSMANSHIP BY HIMSELF ON GARAGE ISLAND, OR ONE WHERE RESHA'S WRITING GRAFFITI ON THE SYMPHONIA FLAG AND A FASHION DESIGNER HAPPENS TO WALK BY AND SEE THIS, TAKING IT AS INSPIRATION FOR THE BRAND HEART KREUSS (THE CLOTHING BRAND ELIE ALWAYS WEARS). I CRIED AS I CUT OUT THESE PRECIOUS SCENES FROM THE STORY. WELL, EVEN SO, I THINK IT TURNED OUT WELL. ALSO, HERE'S ANOTHER SECRET. THERE ARE STILL SOME MYSTERIES HIDDEN INSIDE THE K.O.K.--UNFORTUNATELY, I CANNOT UNRAVEL THOSE MYSTERIES AT THIS TIME. ACTUALLY, I WAS TRYING TO WRITE IT SO AS TO HIDE THESE LITTLE MYSTERIES ANYWAY. CONSIDER IT A PRESENT FROM ME TO YOU. A NICE BUNDLE OF MYSTERIES, TO COMMEMORATE THE TENTH VOLUME. HIDDEN AMONG THEM IS PART OF WHAT COULD BE CONSIDERED THE ULTIMATE RAVE MYSTERY. AND SOMEWHERE, SOMETIME, IT WILL CONNECT WITH THAT MYSTERY. I DESIGNED IT SO THAT WHEN THAT HAPPENS, YOU CAN COME BACK AND READ THE K.O.K. SIDE STORY AND YOU CAN SAY TO YOURSELF, "AH, NOW I GET IT!" BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO BE PATIENT. SO, THIS ABOUT WRAPS IT UP FOR ME... SEE YOU AGAIN IN VOLUME 11, POYO!!

PS. THE NUMBERMEN (1-8) ARE HIDING INSIDE K.O.K. THIS TIME THEY'RE PRETTY HIGH-CLASS! ESPECIALLY NUMBER 8! CAN YOU FIND THEM?

HIRO MASHIMA

Ch-ch-changes!

A RAVE MASTER MUST HAVE PATIENCE, DETERMINATION AND A KEEN EYE, AND YOU'LL NEED ALL OF THOSE TO SOLVE THIS PUZZLE. THERE ARE 12 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THESE TWO PICTURES. CAN YOU SPOT THEM ALL?



View the True Plue!

SOMEHOW PLUE GOT MIXED UP WITH A BUNCH OF OTHER DOG...BUG...THINGS.
CAN YOU IDENTIFY WHICH IS THE TRUE PLUE?

